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Business as usual for tourists as smoke clears from Windsor Castle



Added attraction: overseas visitors ignoring the drizzle as they queue yesterday for entrance to the castle. But tourists were steered away from areas damaged by fire, smoke and water

Typhoid confirmed in Bosnia

FROM RELITER

ation has confirmed cases of typhoid in the western Bosnian town of Travnik, where thousands of refugees are under threat from a Serb offensive, United Nations sources said yesterday.

Evidence of the highly infectious disease has also been found in Jajce, which has been captured by Serb forces, and in Zenica and Kakanj, the sources added. The extent of the outbreak was not known. but it will alarm aid workers trying to deal with a tide of displaced people driven from their homes in Bosnia by the war, many of them now living in makeshift conditions.

Muslim-controlled Sarajevo radio made no mention yesterday morning of the military situation around Travnik. where Serbs launched a big offensive on Friday. But it said that three civilians and a soldier were killed in Serb shelling of the northern town of Gradacae on Saturday

Radio messages from Srebrenica said that 70,000 residents and refugees trapped by Serb forces were in danger of starvation.

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ERM turmoil hits Major summit hopes

By Nicholas Wood and GEORGE BROCK

JOHN Major today embarks on a hectic round of shuttle diplomacy in an attempt to salvage some credit for Britain's EC presidency in the run-up to the Edinburgh summit next month.

The prime minister's difficulties in his quest for European unity were compounded at the weekend by the third realignment of the European exchange-rate mechanism in two months. With French resistance to the farm subsidy deal agreed on Friday and the deepening crisis over ratifying the Maastricht treaty, the summit promises to be one of the most strained in the Community's history

Today, Mr Major and Norman Lamont begin their efforts in Brussels. Mr Lamont will chair a meeting of finance ministers, which will consider how to solve the problems of the ERM and proposals for boosting economic growth, while the prime minister will be seeing his Belgian counterpart, Jean Luc Deheane as part of a tour aimed at securing Community-wide ratification of the Maastricht

Community officials had

Another hectic week tackling European problems looms for John Major as the Edinburgh summit approaches. Currency markets too are braced for more violent fluctuations

the Spanish and Portuguese ERM is a less than perfect currencies would end the currency turbulence once and for all, but independent economists said the move was not enough to precipitate the German interest rate cut seen as vital to relieving long-term currency pressures. The Irish government, facing a general election on Wednesday, decided to risk trying to defend its currency in spite of widespread views that it is overvalued, but it is likely to come under heavy pressure when markets open today. Specula-tors are also likely to attack the Danish krone. Analysts said the pound was unlikely to be affected, although it may fall as a result of poor October

trade figures out today. The continuing instability of the ERM temporarily eases pressure on Britain to return to the system it left in September, and a British official said yesterday that Mr Major took the latest devaluations as evihoped that the devaluation of dence for his view that "the system". But it also means that it may be even more difficult for the prime minister to sell the Maastricht treaty to his backbenchers and to find a compromise that will lead to

Danish ratification. Denmark wants a Britishstyle opt-out from monetary union and the latest wave of turbulence is likely to intensify its demands. But other EC states are reluctant to make such a far-reaching concession, which could lead to the unravelling of the treaty.

The stakes for Mr Major are high. All presidencies need to show a positive balance sheet at the end of their six-month tenure, but Britain has failed to broker any important agreement apart from Gatt - which is still liable to upset - and the completion of the single market. Even the London conference on Yugoslavia has failed to bring peace.

The government has been taken aback by recent wide-

spread criticism of the British presidency, coming not only from France — where it is explained by the opposition to the Gatt deal — but from Britain's traditional friends such as The Netherlands.

The ERM arguments are unlikely to receive more than a passing mention in Edinburgh: a British official explained that since the summiteers would not agree on the future of the system, the question would be kept well off the agenda. The finance min-isters will consider the ERM today, but the detail is being left to officials who are to report by next May.

The ministers will, instead,

turn their minds to boosting economic growth. Aides to Jacques Delors have for weeks been working on a scheme for the community to borrow funds that could be lent to member states to finance road and rail links, particularly between western and eastern Europe. The draft scheme assumes that the EC can borrow money more cheaply than individual states and that such loans would not necessarily have to expand a government's public borrowing requirement.

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MPs ask Queen to foot the bill

AS firefighters yesterday kept Windsor Castle, the question of who should pay for a restoration that will run into tens of millions of pounds flared into life. Offers of money and expertise poured in to help rebuild the damaged anartments of one of the

world's best-known buildings, but backbench MPs called on the Queen to contribute from her own resources. Peter Brooke, the national heritage secretary, has indicat-

ed that the government will fund the repair of the building's fabric, which will account for the vast majority of any restoration project. He is expected to make a statement in the Commons today. Sir David Mitchell, Conservative MP for North-West

Hampshire, and Alan Williams, Labour MP for Swansea West, were among MPs who suggested yesterday that the Queen should fund restoration work at least in part. Buckingham Palace point-

ed out that as nominal owner of the world's greatest private art collection, the Queen already paid for the care and maintenance of the paintings and other works of art in her care, partly from her private funds. That arrangement would almost certainly continterrand resists, page 11 ue in restoring the relatively Punt pressure, page 40 small number of works which

suffered damage from smoke. hear or water. Officials of Berkshire County Council will meet members of the Royal Household today to suggest setting up a public fund to aid restoration.

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Stroke of luck saves most of collection

UNDER a dreary November drizzle, the north-east corner of Windsor Castle's upper ward looked sad and derelici (Alan Hamilton writes). Its entire roof and many windows are gone, there are scars of soot on its otherwise clean stonework, and blackened debris up to off deep lies on the floor, open to the sky.

A fire investigation team from Berkshire fire service has been working among the debris all weekend, but so far all that is known for certain about the origins of the blaze is that it started in the private chapel within Chester Tower, and that electrical work was a rewiring programme throughout the castle

Buckingham Palace admitted yesterday that an enormous stroke of luck had limited what would otherwise have been a major tragedy for the Royal Collection, probably private hands in the world.

Almost all the rooms in the area of the fire had beer emptied of most of their contents, in some cases only he day before, in preparation for painting decorating and

Beechey's enormous painting. of George III reviewing his of the 1820s, and severa! pieces of porcelain. The painting and sideboard were too big to move when the fire started, but almost every other object in the vicinity was taken out at great speed by human chains in a well coordinated salvage operation.

A large carpet from the Great Exhibition of 1851 was partly, but not irretrievably. damaged. Several chandeliers crashed to the ground as Continued on page 3, col 1

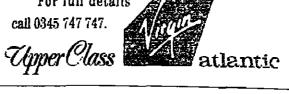


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Two British skiers killed in French Alps avalanche

By Harvey Elliott, travel correspondent

TWO British students were among seven skiers killed as an avalanche swept down a piste in Europe's highest ski the 7.500ft resort.

in Val Thorens in the French Alps when tons of wet snow slipped from a peak and caught them with ten others skiing down one of the Alps

most spectacular mountains. The two Britons were among a party of ski enthusiasts from the National InstiLyon who had arrived by bus a few hours earlier for a day in

François Gros, director of tourism for the area, said: "It was actually quite a small avalanche, and made no noise. Had it happened a few hours later no-one would have taken any notice of it at all. It is a terrible incident, and the first at the resort since it was opened 20 years ago. We are all very upset.

"Local staff immediately called for help on their mobile telephones, but despite help from the French ski team, who were near by, and dozens of rute of Applied Sciences in other expert rescuers, sadly

seven people died." The other victims included an Australian and a French boy aged 10. Val Thorens is the newest resort in the trois vallees region. Skiing is possible throughout the year in the glaciers above the 13 hotels and 42 blocks of flats which

can cater for up to 18,000

skiers at a time. Snow often comes early to the region and over the past two weeks the main pistes, which range from the nursery slopes to some of the most challenging in the Alps, have been covered to more than 3ft. More snow fell on Saturday,

IRA claims man shot in head was paid informer By A STAFF REPORTER

THE IRA claimed that a man found shot dead in Londonderry early yesterday morning had worked as a paid informer for British intelligence for more than ten years.

John Gerard Holmes, 34, known as Gerry Holmes, was on bail awaiting trial on fraud charges connected with an alleged car insurance swindle. He was found dead by a security force foot patrol at 2am in an alley in the republican Creggan area of the city.

He had been shot in the head. The IRA said he had been under interrogation since disappearing on Tuesday from his home in the Waterside area of Londonderry. Hours Continued on page 2, col 3 | before his body was found, a

tape detailing his alleged "crimes" was pushed through his letterbox. The IRA said in a statement to a local journalist that he was recruited by British intelligence in 1981 after involvement in a Post Office robbery.

It claimed he had been in regular contact with his handlers and received a large sum of money for information which led to the arrests of a number of IRA members and the seizure of arms and

The IRA said Holmes, although aware of an amnesty it had offered for informers to come forward, had carried on working because he felt he

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Arms-for-Iraq debate

Labour puts government in the dock with Clark

■ Michael Heseltine, who is fighting back in the arms-for-Iraq affair, will accuse the Opposition today of sensationalised attempts to anticipate the enquiry

BY NICHOLAS WOOD, POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

LABOUR served notice yesterday that it would not be satisfied with any attempt by the government to push blame for the arms-to-Iraq affair on to Alan Clark, the former trade minister.

Amid suggestions that Michael Heseltine, the president of the board of trade, will disown Mr Clark in today's Commons debate. Robin Cook, the shadow trade secretary, said that responsibility for the breach of the government's own embargo on ex-ports of defence-related equipment to Baghdad went far wider than one former minister.

"It seems to me wholly incredible that Alan Clark alone subverted the whole of government policy on the export of arms to Iraq when we have pages of evidence showing that a dozen ministers had meetings and corres-

pondence on the issue."

Mr Cook, who will lead the Opposition onslaught on the government's conduct since the ending of the Iran/Iraq war in 1988, said the debate would force ministers to answer the questions they have been dodging. He wanted to know: why

they armed President Saddam Hussein, a "brutal megalomaniac"; why they covered up their actions from the public and Parliament: and why as the cover-up continued they were prepared to see innocent men go to jail rather than own

Evidence given by Mr Clark led to the collapse earlier this month of the trial of three former executives of Matrix Churchill, the Coventry machine tools company accused of illegally exporting arms-making machinery to Iraq. The police have been asked to investigate "inconsistencies"

John Major and other ministers have maintained repeatedly that the government abided by guidelines drawn up in 1985 banning the sale of arms-making machinery to Iraq. However, documents released at the trial have called those statements into question by indicating that the guide-

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lines were eased secretly in late 1988 and that ministers applied them more leniently in the period before the Gulf war in August 1990.

The documents also suggest that 14 days before Iraq's invasion of Kuwait, a cabinet committee chaired by Douglas Hurd agreed to relax them further. This decision was neither announced nor implemented because it fell with the outbreak of hostilities.

It is understood that Mr Cook is unlikely to produce much in the way of new evidence today, although his case was boosted yesterday by a report in The Sunday Times quoting Mark Higson, a former Foreign Office official, as saying that civil servants secretly approved sales of armsmaking equipment to Iraq. However, Mr Cook is expected to highlight what appear to be differences between the government's private and public stances.

Mr Heseltine, one of four ministers who signed certificates seeking to ban the re-lease of 500 pages of confidential Whitehall minutes, will speak in support of a government amendment accusing the Opposition of "sensationalised attempts" to anticipate the findings of the independent enquiry under Lord Justice Scott.

The amendment says the government granted export licences "in accordance with guidelines which had as their overriding consideration not to supply any lethal equip-ment. Mr Clark destroyed the prosecution case in the trial when he contradicted his earlier statements to Customs officials that he was unaware of the possible military applications of the Matrix Churchill machinery.

John Major has said that it was only when Mr Clark gave evidence at the Old Bailey trial that it became apparent that there were inconsistencies in his account. The prime minister has not accepted that Mr Clark's testimony proved that the guidelines had been breached.

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Snow victims: the Val Thorens resort, and Mr Maxwell (top) and Mr Arkell, who were among those killed

Two Britons killed in French Alps avalanche

Continued from page 1 but the temperature had risen suddenly, leading, it is believed, to the slippage. The resort formally opened to ski-ing on October 24 and, al-though it was closed yesterday as a mark of respect, it will stay open to May 9. M Gros said that explosive

charges were set off at 8am on Saturday to dislodge any hanging snow which might pose a threat, but nothing had moved. More explosives were due to have been set off later on Saturday evening. Heavy snow was falling at the time of the avalanche, and police and mountain experts are trying to

Waldegrave

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POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

MORE than 40,000 White-

hall jobs could be privatised

under government plans to

increase the amount of civil

service work done by commer-

William Waldegrave will

announce details on Wednes-day of plans for £1.5 billion of

business on which he hopes to

save the taxpayer about £400

million a year from 1994.

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such as statistics and the

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are to be opened to outside

competition. The citizen's charter minister will set out his

proposals in a white paper that

will also put the performance

of public bodies, such as

British Rail and the health

service, under the spotlight.

Mr Waldegrave will report on

their success in meeting ser-

Inland Revenue data.



establish whether the fall was caused naturally or by someone skiing "off-piste" Mr Arkell, from Rowlands Gill, Co Durham, was study-ing engineering at Sheffield University and had joined an international group of students travelling to Val Thorens by coach to take advantage of what appeared to be excellent skiing conditions before the season gets fully under way early next

Last night his father, Richard. 46, a council planning officer, was flying out formally to identify the body. "Rod was an absolutely splendid young man," a neighbour, James Longrigg, a senior classics lecturer at Newcastle University, said. "He was sponsored British Rail and was delighted when he got his place at university - his parents were very proud of Christopher Maxwell, a

keen skier, was at Nottingham University on a year's ex-change to the University of Lyon. His father Robert Maxwell, 51, a retired personnel manager, of Stoke Bishop, Bristol, said: "Chris had such a bright future. He loved sports. He was a very keen and accomplished sportsman and had skied several times before." He had completed two years of a civil engineering course at Nottingham University, before going to Lyon for a

Labour victory on right to buy homes

By Sheila Gunn, political correspondent

tary scrutiny of the government's leasehold reforms.

The alliance of Labour and Liberal Democrat M.Ps. backed by a group of Conservative backbenchers, has driven Sir George Young, the housing minister, into promising concessions that will force more landlords to sell.

As MPs finish the detailed examination this week on the leasehold reform clauses in the housing and urban development bill, the key reason for the landlords' plight appears to be the weighting of the committee, which was picked by whips.

Although it has a Conservative majority, none of the Tory backbench MPs who spoke out strongly against the measure in the Commons has been included. However, Dudley Fishburn, the Conservarive MP for Kensington, a lessee of the Grosvenor Estates and a campaigner for leasehold reform, is a member. The only Tory to voice concern for landlords was Peter Ainsworth, the new Tory MP for East Surrey.

vice targets under the citizen's At one point in the committee hearings John Battle, BR and, to a lesser extent, Labour's housing spokesman. warned Sir George that he faced defeat if he forced an the NHS have failed to achieve all that was asked of them. BR faces criticism over Opposition amendment to the reliability and punctuality. vote because Labour was backed by four Conservative and not all parts of the NHS have treated patients within MPs who have all declared interests as holding leases.

LABOUR MPs are jubilant. They are Sir Paul Beresford after winning victories for (Croydon Central), Mr tenants at the expense of Fishburn, Gary Streeter landlords during parliamen- (Plymouth Sutton) and Nigel Vaterson (Eastbourne).

> The bill gives an estimated 750,000 tenants with leases of more than 21 years the right to buy the freehold at below market prices where at least two-thirds of a block is let. Mr Ainsworth persuaded the committee to agree an amendment to stop speculators leasing several flats in a block so that they can take advan-

tage of the legislation. The combination of Tory and Opposition MPs has persuaded ministers to review the low rent test and to give more leaseholders the right to buy their properties. Under the test, ground rents must be

£1.000 or less to qualify. In addition, Sir George has promised to look again at the disqualification from the right to buy for tenants in properties where more than 10 per cent of their block is used for nonresidential purposes, usually as shops or offices. Mr Fishburn wants the proportion to be increased to 20 per cent, to extend buying rights to smaller blocks which have flats on the ground floor.

☐ Sweeping redundancies among senior levels of the Labour party organisation will be delayed until December or January, it emerged yesterday. A final report on how the party is to cut spending by 30 per cent next year is due to be presented to the national executive on Wednesday.

Retirement

PETER Lilley, the social security secretary, yesterday fuelled speculation that the government intended to raise the state retirement age for women from 60 to 65 by admitting that the outcome of the pensions review would not be universally popular.

A final decision will not be would have to grasp.

Mr Lilley is considering res-

ion's On the Record that any changes would be introduced gradually, "probably in the next century", and said: "It is sensible to reach a decision on a uniform pension age, but I don't kid myself that any conclusion we reach will be universally popular. It won't." Alf Morris, a former Labour social security minister, said: "[Mr Lilley] won't be grasping a nettle so much as putting his

review to be 'unpopular'

By NICHOLAS WOOD POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

made until next year, but the minister admitted that equalising retirement ages for men and women was a "major nettle" that the government

ponses to a consultation paper floating the options of a common retirement age of 60, 63 or 65. He indicated that, with state borrowing projected to reach £44 billion next year, he might have to take the least costly route. Making women work until 65 would save the Treasury £3 billion a year. "Financial implications will be an important factor we will take into account," he said.

Mr Lilley told BBC Televis-

Academic condemns church leadership

Failure to recognise the costs to the Church of England of the legislation to ordain women priests was condemned yesterday by Canon Geoffrey Rowell, fellow and chaplain of Keble College, Oxford (Ruth Gledhill writes). He was speaking only hours after the Archbishop of Canterbury. Dr George Carey, said: "There should be no discrimination in selection for the priesthood or episcopate against those opposed to the ordination of women".

Dr Rowell called on the church leadership to "recognise the nature of the grief and bereavement" of those opposed to women priests. He said: "Words like bereavement divorce, semi-divorce, occur time and time again. There is a deep sense of loss and bewilderment and numbness." He condemned "a faikire of statesmanship in not recognising what would be the likely cost of this legislation".

The Ven George Austin, Archdeacon of York, preaching at York Minster, criticised as patronising the frequent offers by supporters of women priests to "share the pain" of those against. "We were dismissed as woman haters, repressed homosexuals ... sufferers from psychological hang-ups."

Woman driver hijacked

A young woman motorist was hijacked at knifepoint during rush-hour traffic and told she was going to be raped, police disclosed yesterday. The woman, 22, had been waiting in traffic in Morden, Surrey, when a man opened the passenger door and climbed into the car, threatened her with a craft knife and told her where to drive to, police said. She tried to attract attention by sounding her car horn twice and slamming on her brakes. The man eventually ordered the woman to park behind a van, where she was told to recline her seat. It was then that she managed to escape and ran down the road, screaming. The man with the knife ran off in the opposite direction.

FBI searches for letters

A missing briefcase said to contain personal letters from the Pope and presidents Reagan and Bush may be the key to solving the mystery surrounding the death of the former spy ian Spiro, 46, his wife and their three children. His dependants were found murdered at their rented home in San Diego three weeks ago. Sheriffs, now assisted by the FBL are searching for the briefcase that the Briton is said to have always kept with him. Speculation about Spiro's death has centred on his role in Middle East hostage releases.

Drugs haul charges

Customs officers charged the captain and five crew of a ship yesterday after 20 tonnes of cannabis, worth £60 million, were seized in a raid on the North Sea. The haul was the biggest ever seized by Customs. Last year the combined weight of all seizures was 25 tonnes. Five Dutchmen and a Spaniard were due to appear before magistrates at Hull this morning, accused of possessing the drug with intent to sell it. The previous largest hand was of 20 tonnes, from a coaster in the Channel three years ago.

Navy visits Albania



A visit to Albania today will be the first by a Royal Navy ship for 54 years. HMS Gloucester, one of the Nato ships in the Adriatic enforcing a naval blockade against Serbia and Montenegro, will sail into the port of Durres. The goodwill visit is intended to improve contacts between the two countries, which resumed diplomatic relations last year.

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Collector's masterly bid

An Old Master drawing bought for about £100 in a job lot at a small auction in Utrecht in 1971 is estimated to make up to £80,000 at a Christie's auction in Amsterdam tomorrow-The drawing, by Hendrick Goltzius (1588-1617), was first spotted and bought by Hans van Leenwen, manager of the Concertgebow Orchestra, Amsterdam, between 1947 and 1960. The Goltzius is the highlight of Mr van Leeuwen's collection of 500 Old Master and later drawings, which is expected to raise more than £500,000.

Yacht found capsized

An RAF Nimrod left Kinloss last night to search for a mis-sing American yachtsman after his boat was found capsized in the Atlantic. The 60 ft sloop Coyote was spotted by a freighter about 480 nautical miles southwest of Ireland. Michael Plant, 42, was en route to France for a round-theworld race from Les Sables d'Olonne in the Vendee.

Burglars hit churches

At least one in two churches are likely to be burgled next year, according to figures to be released today at the launch of a "church watch" scheme in Dorset. Church burglaries have risen by 170 per cent in three years to a record high, according to the Ecclesiastical Insurance Group, which last year paid out £5 million after 8.500 break-ins.

Irish Labour party leader expects big poll gains

THE Irish Labour party's leader yesterday predicted a decisive breakthrough in this week's general election, with gains of at least nine seats. Dick Spring was buoyed by

maximum waiting times.

opinion poll findings making him by far the most popular choice as Taoiseach and showing his party at 22 per cent, up three points on last Thursday. He said the political landscape in Ireland was about to change for good.

"I have set out in the course of this election to make a plea for change, to break the mould in Irish politics, to get away from the old party alliances and alignments. 1992 is the time for the Labour party to come forward in Irish politics." he said.

Mr Spring, a former rugby international from co. Kerry, has long argued that the old split between Fianna Fail and Fine Gael, which goes back to the foundation of the state and

Dick Spring, a likely power-broker after this week's Irish general election, believes it will show that a left-right alignment is replacing historic loyalties, Edward Gorman writes

the civil war, is gradually giving way to a new left-right alignment in Ireland. He clearly belives that this

election is a big step towards that new axis; after it Labour may have as many as 28 seats in the 166-seat Dail compared to something like 74 for Fianna Fail, 51 for Fine Gael, five for the Progressive Democrats, four for Democratic Left and four others.

This would leave Labour in a power-broking role with Mr Spring able to choose which combination of parties would make up the next government. With support now running strongly in his favour, a coalition with Fine Gael on its own may just be sufficient to command the Dail, though the inclusion of the Progressive Democrats is also a likely

The other obvious alternative is a deal with Fianna Fáil. but that would probably require Albert Reynolds, the party leader and prime minster, to step down. It is also possible that Labour may try to fashion itself as the main opposition party and try to force others into an unwilling

Mr Spring's popularity in this campaign reflects as much his own impressive record in Mr Reynolds and John Bruton of Fine Gael, who has been entirely eclipsed by the Labour leader.

Labour's plans to increase borrowing significantly in an effort to restart the flagging economy, to convene a national forum on unempiov ment, to strengthen the semistate sector and to increase child benefit, has appealed to middle-class urban voters with liberal leanings. It has also led to accusations from Fianna Fail that a vote for Labour amounts to a vote for in-

creased taxes. The surge in Labour's popularity may not presage the kind of realignment Mr Spring hopes for, given the fact that Fianna Fail has also attracted a very large workingclass vote and will continue to

do so in years to come. Opinion polls yesterday meanwhile confirmed the drift

the last Dail as the weakness of of support away from the government's wording on the main abortion referendum which will also be held on Wednesday. The govern-ment's formulation allows for abortion in circumstances when there is a substantial risk to the life of the mother.

Until last week a clear majority - 48 per cent to 30 per cent - indicated they supported that formulation. This weekend an abrupt change became evident with a poll published yesterday showing the wording would be defeated by 43 to 35, with 22 per cent still undecided.

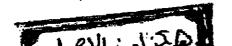
The news is a further blow to Mr Reynolds. It suggests the liberal view, backed by all the main parties except Fianna Fail, that the matter should be dealt with by legisla-tion not by constitutional referendum, is now in the

ascendant. The government's wording

believe it overly restricts the legitimate grounds for abortion and by groups that believe it opens the door to abortion on demand. If the amendment is defeated on Wednesday, the next government is likely to bring in legislation in line with a Supreme Court judgment earlier this year. which allowed a 14-year-old alleged rape victim to have an abortion in England on the grounds that if denied it she might commit suicide.



Contrary to reports in Saturday's editions of The Times, Christopher Lloyd, Surveyor of the Queen's Pictures. did not suffer a suspected heart attack while on his way to survey fire damage at Windsor Castle on Friday.



State apartments at Windsor are likely to be returned to their condition before the blaze

Drive for historical accuracy governs restoration of castle

BY ALAN HAMILTON

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AN URGENT priority in the restoration of Windsor Castle will be to put a temporary roof over the burnt-out section of the Upper Ward to keep out rain and frost that would otherwise further attack the masony structure weakened by fire and water by fire and water.

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The next task will be to decide exactly how the damaged apartments should be restored. When Sir Christopher Wren's wing of Hampton Court was seriously damaged by fire in 1986, it was decided to put the state apartments back exactly as they were before the blaze, employing as far as possible employing as far as possible Wren's authentic methods and materials, and avoiding any convenient modern sub-stitutes. Absolute historical accuracy is the fashion in the

care of heritage buildings.
But the result was more than a mere copy, it was an improvement. Painstaking historical research disclosed, for example, that in earlier renovations some of Grinling Gibbons' magnificently intri-cate and ornately carved limewood panels had been assembled in the wrong order, and restorers took the opportunity to put them back as their maker intended. They also cleaned off a coating of ugly yellow wax, applied in the 1930s, to reveal the full glory of the standard of th

of the wood. Experts are expected to meet soon to decide how Windsor's state apartments should be tackled. Many bodies will be involved, including the Department of National Heritage as paymasters of the project, English Heritage as the historical and technical authorities, and the Royal Household, including the Queen, as tenants and guardians of the building. It is most likely that a decision will be taken to return them to the state they were in before the fire, restoring Sir Jeffrey Wyatville's reconstruction for George IV in the 1820s rather

The £10 million spent repairing Hampton Court after the fire there in 1986 will seem insignificant by the time Windsor Castle is restored in all its glory

restore to an earlier period is spread horizontally. Wall made virtually impossible by the lack of detailed evidence fire-resistant materials, and about exactly how they looked. The zeal for historical correctness means that paintings are not regarded as sufficiently

good evidence.
Restorers at Windsor will rely heavily on documentary and photographic evidence. In the case of Hampton Court, the builders, carvers and carpenters were greatly assisted by a thorough photographic survey from the 1930s.

Immediately after the Hampton Court fire, archaeologists and researchers sifted through hundreds of tins of ashes and charred debris, seeking any scrap that might be reused or copied. They even retrieved sacks of seashells, used by Wren as heat and sound insulation in the voids between floors, washed them and replaced them.

Rebuilding at Hampton Court did not begin until three years after the fire, to give the structure enough time to dry out from the thousands of gallons of firefighters water. During that period, the main tasks were to put in place a temporary weather-tight roof like a canopy over the whole building, and to erect scaffolding to shore up the outside walls weakened by the loss of the roof and of internal joists

One major lesson learnt from the Hampton Court experience was the need for vastly improved fire protection in ancient buildings which are full of hidden voids, cavities and_wall spaces_through which fire can travel at alarming speed. The restored Hampton Court roof has a series of high-tech hatches designed to open automaticalallow a fire to vent upwards

the building is divided at regular intervals along its length by firebreaks designed to contain any outbreak in a relatively small area.

The task of reconstruction called for the creation of a large pool of skilled and specialised labour, as will Windsor Castle. Several building companies concentrate on historical renovation and maintain their own teams of crafismen. Hampton Court was restored by James Longley, the Sussex company, which won the contract in open tender. To repair, and in some cases copy, intricate woodcarving, a team of carvers was assembled, some from as far away as the United States and some from English Heritage, working full-time

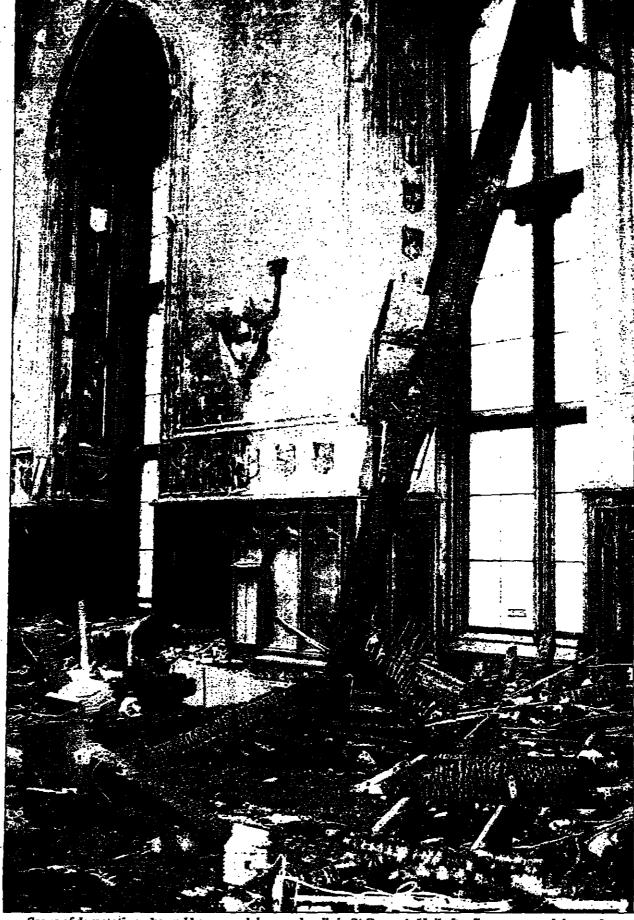
on the project for several years.

To restore damaged paintings and other works of art, the Royal Household has a small team of experts, but other specialised bodies, such as the Hamilton Kerr Institute of picture restoration, a world leader in its field, may be called in to assist.

But the main task at Wind-sor is structural. An efficient salvage operation rescued most of the contents from

To restore Hampton Court cost more than £10 million, paid for by the Department of the Environment on the grounds that the building was internationally important in historical and heritage terms, and loved and visited by the public. Compared with the Windsor Castle state apart-ments, however, even Hampton Court is insignificant on both counts, not to mention

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Scene of devastation: charred beams and damaged walls in St George's Hall after flames ravaged the castle

Shortage of judges undermines **High Court**

By Frances GIBB LEGAL CORRESPONDENT

THE shortage of High Court judges, described by the Lord Chief Justice as "scandalous". has become more acute, with warnings that the commercial court, estimated to generate £500 million a year in foreign exchange, is grinding to a

The senior judge in the commercial court, Mr Justice Saville, said that without urgent action to ease the shortage of judges for commercial cases, the court will lose its international reputation as the forum for resolving business disputes. He said: "The situa-tion is grave indeed ... We are likely to suffer irretrievable damage to our reputation and there are plenty of foreign competitors waiting in the wings to pick up this work."

The shortfall in the commercial court is part of a higger problem affecting all High Court divisions and resulting in delays in some cases of nearly two years. Lord Taylor of Gosforth, Lord Chief Justice, last month described the situation as "intolerable". In a Lords debate, Lord Taylor said that by January "there will be no High Court judges available" to try civil cases. Already, most cases are

handled by deputies. Before long, Lord Taylor predicted, the situation would "truly become a national dis-grace and be seen as such by the public". It would become apparent that "the system has almost broken down".

The commercial court is seen as a pioneer in cutting delays and introducing mod-ern procedures to meet the needs of users, represented on a special committee".

The court is a prime generator of invisible earnings, which are now at risk, Mr Justice Saville says. In 80 per cent of cases, one of the parties is foreign and in more than half, both are. He said: "They come here because of our international reputation as a disputes resolution centre; and they generate not just work for City law firms and the Bar, but a huge volume of business for the nation."

Now, however, litigants face indefinite delays and are told that they cannot be given a fixed date for hearings

Experts begin sifting embers for clues

INVESTIGATORS trying to discover where and how the origin can be divined from blaze at Windsor Castle broke out last Friday face a compliwhich timbers are charred, the cated process of elimination. depth of charring and smoke

Spearheading the task is the Royal Berkshire Fire Brigade and an expert with the Health and Safety Executive's factories division, who were yesterday sifting through charred and smouldering rubble in the state apartments.

Keith Weston, a fire damage expert with English Heritage, said: "Fire in historic buildings normally falls into three categories: arson, electrical faults or carelessness on the part of a contractor."

A senior fire investigation officer with the London Fire Brigade added that the process of elimination was made more difficult in an historic building such as Windsor Castle because of the amount of timber cladding, expansiveness of the structure and hidden cavities. Houses with old fashioned lathe and plaster walls present a similar problem as the fire travels up from one room and breaks out

Investigators will try to build a picture of where the fire started based on eyewiness reports of flames and smoke colour, which give an indication of the type of matestudy the timbers, as a great deal of information on a fire's

patterns left behind. Rewiring work was being carried out at the castle, and the team will be looking to see whether any incident in that process generated a spark that ignited the fire. Once they have pinpointed the likely

starting point, they will excavate the rubble, looking for wiring or electrical items with tell-tale arc patterns that may indicate a short.

Investigators will also be carrying equipment to detect petrol, parratin, thinners and other fuels known as accelerants. Discovery of such fuels could indicate arson. which would require the police to call in forensic scientists



Sombre visit: Prince Edward at Windsor yesterday

from the Home Office.

Over the coming days, Mr Weston and his English Heritage team may be called in to help to protect the state apparaments in preparation for restoration.

The building should be allowed to dry out fairly naturally, although you can use industrial fans to move the air around. If you try to accelerate it by using heaters you can cause more problems, especially with the timbers," Mr Weston said yesterday.

There are several ways in which the restored state apartments could be made less of a fire risk. If cavity walls are rebuilt, firestops made of materials such as treated wad-ding could slow down a future fire's spread. Doors can be split and treated with flame retardants and the roof spaces fitted with firebreaks to slow down the spread.

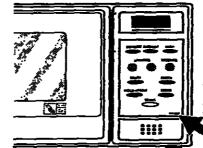
The installation of sprinkler systems would be unlikely to cause any more damage. In a recent study of 30,000 British fires, sprinkler systems helped to control blazes within half an hour.

Never the less, historians still take a jaundiced view of such precautions citing their unsightliness and fearing, when triggered, that their water jets could damage precious materials and art works.

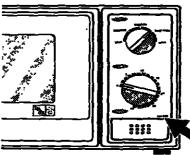
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'Stroke of luck' saves bulk of collection

Continued from page I ceilings collapsed, but are said to be capable of repair. Other paintings and objects suffered varying degrees of smoke damage, but all are thought capable of being cleaned.

Sir Geoffrey de Bellaigue, director of the Royal Collection, in a preliminary report to the Queen on the damage, has openly acknowledged that the greatest loss was the fabric of the building, contaming some of the grandest rooms of any palace in the world. Two were in the public area of the castle: St George's Hall, used for glittering state banquests, and the Grand Reception Room. decorated and gilded in an omate Louis XV style.

Also destroyed was the private chapel where Queen Victoria worshipped and where succeeding generations of the royal family have been chris-

that the castle's brigade, which tries by the Octagon Room and the Crimson Drawing Room were all gutted, while the Green all gutted, while the Green accommy measure. Drawing Room was partially damaged.

An entire corner of the Upper Ward, created by lefthy apump tender, as it always de Wyarville for George IV out of existing but rather humbler apartments built for Charles II, was destroyed but was destroyed, but

firefighters are taking some satisfaction at their success in containing the blaze. They created firebreaks which prevenged its spread into the Queen's private apartments on the eastern side of the Quadrangle, and to the State Entrance and the popular Queen Mary's Doll's House at

the north-western corner. Senior officers of Berkshire fire brigade denied reports in some newspapers yesterday

that the castle's own fire brigade, which tried to tackle the blaze in its first minutes. had been reduced in size as an Divisional Officer Maurice

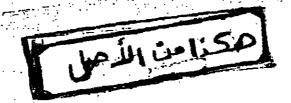
Doyle said the castle brigade consisted of a Land Rover and had done. There had been a decision recently, however, that in the event of a major incident the castle brigade should concentrate more of its effort on salvage rather than attempting to deal with a big fire. But there had never been any decision to reduce the

firefighting strength. Berkshire county and Windsor district council were intindated with calls from as far away as Japan and the United States, offering money to repair the castle.

Roger Carter, chairman of Berkshire council's environment committeee, said yesterday: "From the hundreds of phone calls there is obviously a desire and wish to help, and we must capitalise on that."

Council members, anxious that Windsor should not lose its enormous tourist revenue. will suggest that when repair and restoration workshops are set up on site, they should become a tourist attraction in themselves. Yesterday morning a de-

tachment of the Household Cavalry began to return many of the priceless treasures. Prince Edward visited the scene of the fire and was hoisted up on a hydraulic platform to look down on the gutted roof. The Prince of Wales, at church at Sandringham, told a crowd of wellwishers: "The whole family is devastated. I could not believe it had happened."



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AFTER YEARS OF EXTENSIVE RESEARCH SCIENTISTS HAVE FINALLY DISCOVERED HOW TO SURVIVE IN SUB-ZERO TEMPERATURES. BREATHE

When Man donned his first animal skin overcoat, probably a simply cut affair without lapels or pleats, he discovered a slight problem.

He perspired. This was not entirely due to personal hygiene, or lack of it, but due more to the nature of leather. Fact is, leather doesn't 'breathe' as well as other materials do, so perspiration gets trapped.

Given that the frozen Palaeolithic wasteland he called home was bereft of such niceties as central heating, this led to problem number two.

Moisture next to the skin sucks vital warmth from the body, causing frostbite, hypothermia, even death.

This was something our ancestors had to live with. But surely not us?

After all, this is the age of computers and space travel. Why shouldn't it also be the age of the leather jacket?

Absolutely. There's a company called Timberland who couldn't agree more.

We're famous for making handsewn leather boots and shoes. The kind that keep our customers' feet warm, dry and comfortable when the weather conditions are cold, wet and miserable.

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We also make a range of smart, practical leather jackets. Understandably we were keen to avoid the problem of trapped perspiration.

How did we do it? We didn't.

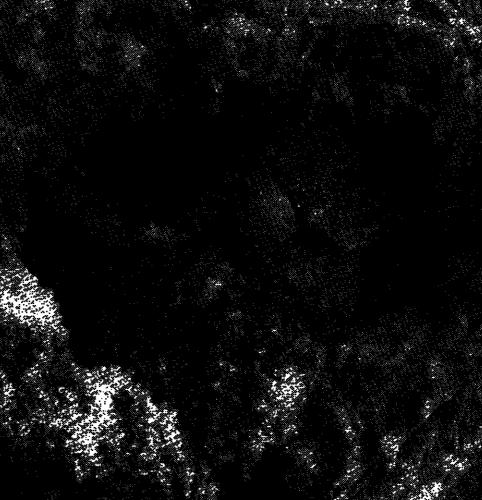
We talked to W. L. Gore Associates, who know as much about the very latest man-made materials as we know about leather.

They developed a remarkable new material called Gore-Tex which, they tell us, contains three billion pores per square inch. Each one of them is bigger than a molecule of perspiration, but smaller than a molecule of water.

Perspiration vapour can escape through the material, but water can't get back in. Isn't science wonderful? It certainly is.

So more often than not we use Gore-Tex as a lining, which allows your skin to breathe

naturally. If you get hot, warm vapour is forced out of the jacket and your body temperature remains as it should do, at body temperature.



Naturally, we don't want you to lose too much warmth. So we prevent this unnaturally with Primaloft Thermal Insulation, a synthetic fibre that'll keep you snug in any blizzard.

Keeping you dry is another of our priorities.
Only trouble is, traditional waterproofing treatments make leather stiff and heavy.

Which is fine if you're making a stout pair of boots. Not so fine if you're making a soft, comfortable jacket.

But what do you know? Science had the answer to this humdinger of a problem too.

It goes by the name of 3M Scotchgard. A revolutionary new treatment that makes leather completely water and stain resistant without making it as tough as old boots.

Once we dunk our hides in it our jackets can pass through a light shower and come out dry. And even after the most thorough soaking there shouldn't be so much as a watermark to show for it. (If we made hats, we'd take them off to the clever folk over at 3M.)

Of course, there are some things that we don't need science to tell us.

Like double-stitching our seams with high-strength nylon thread. Making our pockets deep and roomy. Using heavy duty brass zippers that don't rust.

And because we don't have to worry about letting perspiration out, we do all we can to prevent the elements getting in.

Knitted cuffs make the arms a no-go area for snow. A drawstring around the waist closes that particular avenue to icy wind. And high, close-fitting collars deny access to the sneakiest raindrops.

Do we have any more tricks up our sleeves? Yes, acetate linings which allow your arms to move freely. And on our hoods, shearling fur trim that's electrified to fluff it up, thus providing that extra degree of protection for your face in the teeth of a biting wind.

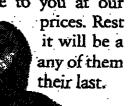
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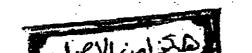
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Museum honours Carter of Egypt

THE painstaking progress of Howard Carter over the 32 years between his initial visit to Egypt and the discovery of Tutankhamun's temb in 1922 is traced in an exhibition at the British Management

ition at the British Museum. Carter first went to the Nile as a 17-year-old, to work as a draughtsman. for the Egypt Exploration Fund, forezunter of today's Egypt Exploration Society, copying scenes from the walls of the royal tombs at Beni Hasan and showing a wnuthful dedicashowing a youthful dedica-tion by sleeping in a hat-intested tomb. He used his watercolouring skills to make lively freehand impressions. Flinders Petrie, the "father

of scientific archaeology", took the young Carter under his wing and turned him from an artist into an enthusiastic fieldworker. He made speedy progress and at 25 was one of two chief inspectors of the Egyptian antiqui-ties service, controlling the southern part of the country, including the temples of Karnak and Luxor and the adjacent royal tombs.

being quick-tempered and said. "I have a hot temper, and that amount of tenacity of purpose, which unfriendly observers sometimes call obstinacy." He was eventually to resign from his post over a fragas at the Serapeum, in which French visitors were manhandled and he supported his Egyptian staff, refusing to apologise.

Freed of the constraints of

government service, he sought a patron in the Rarl of Camaryon, and the partner-ship led to the Tutankhamum discovery. He was contemp-tuous of the "curse" and said: "All sane people should dis-miss such inventions with

Dr John Taylor, a curator in the Department of Egyptian Antiquities at the British Musuem and part of the team that has been preparing the exhibition for a year, said: "It aims to show Carter the main and his other achievements which have been neglected and overshadowed by the discovery of the tomb of Tutankhamun." Howard Where diplomacy was vital. Carter. Before Tutankhamun he earned a reputation for is open until May 31, 1993.



Brushing up: Lizzie Sastre prepares for her entrance as Ankhesenanum, the boy king's wife, last night

Discovery celebrated in music

By TIM JONES

A NEW musical was presented last night to celebrate the 70th anniversary of the discovery of Tutankhamun's tomb in the Valley of the

Kings.
The show written by George Stiles and Anthony Drew, who wrote Just So, was produced by Imagination Entertainments and staged at the company's award win-ning building in central

London,
It starred Denis Quilley as
Lord Carnaryon and Martin Smith as Howard Carter. who discovered the last resting place of the boy king.
Lizzie Sastre played the role of
Ankhesenanum, who was the
wife of the boy king.
Tutankhamun will be fully
deselood in

developed in the next few months into what the writers and Garry Withers, the creative force behind the concept. hope will become a long

running musical.

Directed by Andrew MacBean, the show had a cast of more than 20 who helped to portray the celebrat-

Bragg's quango for airwayes ignored by green paper

By MELINDA WITTSTOCK, MEDIA CORRESPONDENT

MELVYN Bragg's call for an arts council of the airwaves. which would issue licence fee money to commercial tele-vision stations as well as to the BBC, will be given a luke-warm reception in today's green paper on the future of the corporation.

The proposed new quango has been described as a Trojan horse for those who want to dismanile the corporation by a former heritage ministry adviser in a paper published today by the European Policy Forum, an independent think tank on economic and public

The quango is only briefly mentioned in the green paper despite growing support for it

David Mellor, as heritage secretary, deleted all reference to such a public service broad-

Clwyd gives pledge on **BBC** future

BY OUR MEDIA CORRESPONDENT

LABOUR has said it would vouchsafe the independence of the BBC's public service broadcasting and take away the licence of any ITV company that did not live up to promises of quality.

Ann Clwyd, the shadow

heritage secretary, yesterday said the party's new media policy went beyond "the discredited nostrums of rampant commercialism" which char-acterised the 1980s. Labour would oppose any govern-ment attempts to destroy the BBC "by commercial squalor" and she said it would fight any attempts to privatise the BBC. even at its edges.

Launching the eight-point policy in Cardiff, Ms Clwyd said Labour's media strategy would reflect the pace of technological change and ensure that the widest possible spread of views was read and heard by the public. We want broadcasters and journalists who are both fearless and indifferent to the desire of governments and of the estab-

lishment to be protected."

She said Labour's media policy would be based on the principles of freedom, the absence of censorship, the ability of the broadcasting authorities to present alternative views of the world, choice, access, quality and "accountability — not to governments but to the public.

Although Labour was against invasions of privacy, there would be no legal hiding places through privacy laws to protect public figures, includ-ing politicians. The great and the good in our establishment must understand that the hard-hitting investigative journalism has a vital role to play in a modern democracy," she

Ms Clwyd also made it clear that Labour would legislate to restrict concentrated owner-

casting council in his original draft of the green paper. Peter Brooke, his successor, reinstated it on the advice of Damian Green, a broadcasting adviser in John Major's Downing Street policy unit.

Chris Hopson, a Conserva-tive party member and Mr Mellor's former broadcasting advisor, said in his pamphlet, Reforming The BBC, that such a council whole mean "death" by a thousand cuts as core funding slowly drained away from the BBC to other

He said: "An arts council of the airwaves could not deliver diversity and choice in pro-gramming as well as the BBC. It would endanger editorial independence as programmemakers tried to second-guess the pouncil's views. It could dictate detailed programme

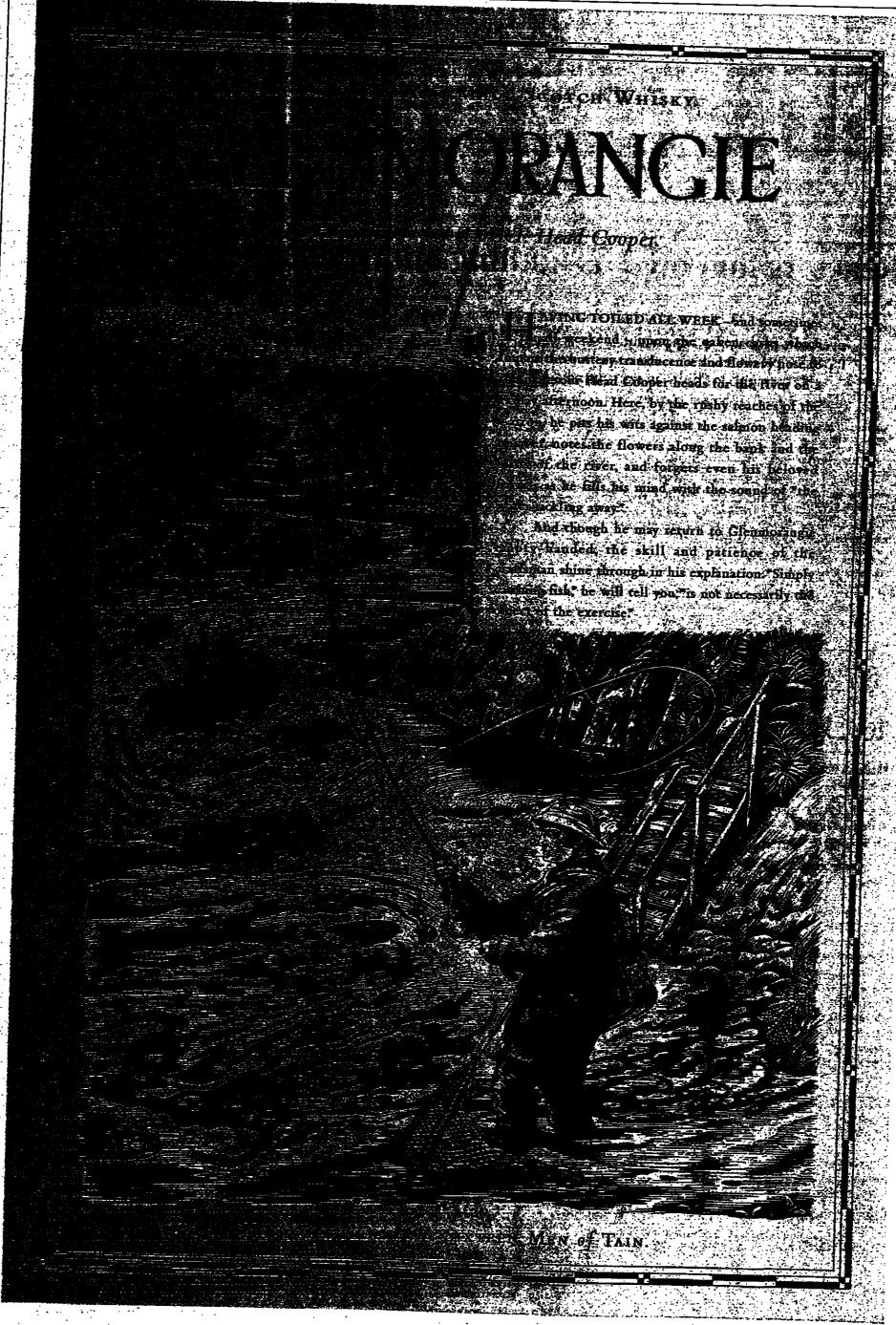
makers."
Mr Brooke has said that the green paper will only set the the debate around the renewal of the BBC's royal charter in 1996 rather than make specific policy recom-mendations. The government is planning a wide public consultations over the next six months. Only in late 1993 or

early 1994 will it disclose its views with a white paper.

Today's green paper, in setting out all possible alternatives for funding the BBC, will offer implicit support for the continuation of the licence fee at least until the end of the decade. Advertising is rejected on the grounds that it would jeopardise the financial health of ITV and Channel 4. Doubts are also raised about whether subscription, which could cost the BBC as much as £200 million to implement, could adequately fund the whole range of BBC services. Programme budgets could suffer unless subscription charges were significantly higher than the annual £80 licence fee, and ministers fear the political consequences if viewers were suddenly asked to pay more for the same for the same.

The case for a public service broadcasting council, first pre-sented by the Peacock Committee six years ago, depends on the assumption that pro-grammes can be easily categorised as public service. Mr Brooke's discussion document will say that public service broadcasting is more about a total approach, which runs through the whole of a channel's output, and that tests cannot be applied to a single programme. If will also draw attention to such practical difficulties, saying that it would be difficult for such a quango to decide between competing claims for programme money.

Many of Mr Hopson's otherviews will find their way into the green paper. He says that the BBC's charter should be extended for 10 rather than the usual 15 years so the government could assess whether the corporation had met targets for efficiency and accountability. He said the BBC should be set clear public targets for cost efficiency. which should be independent-





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Britain's under-the-counter economy is booming as shoppers spend millions on fake goods

Thousands of jobs lost by piracy on the high streets

By Michael Horsnell

BRITAIN'S manufacturing industry has lost an estimate 100,000 jobs because of profits stolen by pirates producing goods for a counterfeit industry worth at least £1 billion a

As pre-Christmas trading builds to a peak and amid demands for tougher controls against brand-name piracy, 129 local authorities with trading standards departments will be trying to clamp down on an under-the-counter economy which, the International Chamber of Commerce says, constitutes up to 8 per cent of all world trade.

The Home Office and the Office of Fair Trading will be reviewing respectively the results of two surveys now being undertaken by the Anti-Counterfeiting Group, an association representing the trade-mark owners, and the Institute of Trading Standards Administration (Itsa).

Itsa has set up a body of regional co-ordinators to collate the results of prosecutions and attack the pirates while the Anti-Counterfeiting Group is canvassing its 110 members, including multinational firms, foreign companies and trademark agents. to define the magnitude of the

problem and the cost. Pirates in Britain reproduce not just designer label clothing but everything from pharmaceuticals to motor spares, computer software to perfume,

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The nuclear pioneers in this

country, in alliance with

successive governments, made

so many policy mistakes it is

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in the case of the fast reactor

programme, they were not

alone. America, the Soviet

Union, France, Germany, and

pressing example?

audio and video cassettes to

electrical goods. In the case of clothing many garments are mass-produced in the Third World and legitimately exported to Britain, where they are illegally embroidered with brandnames or decorated by screen-printing methods and sold on market stalls at prices ap-proaching their face value. The Third World is also the source of car parts and drugs in a burgeoning trade with dangerous implications for their consumers.

Anthea Worsdall, of the Anti-Counterfeiting Group. said: "It's difficult to have any accurate picture because, by its very nature, the problem is a hidden one. But our impression is that counterfeiting has grown enormously. One of the difficulties we have is that consumers that it doesn't matter that a T-shirt has been produced by someone other than the name on the label. But counterfeiters are not noted for paying taxes, business rates and VAT, and why should we be supporting these crooks?"

Under the 1988 Copyright, Designs and Patents Act, police have powers to search for and seize all kinds of counterfeit goods, but many companies employ private detectives to protect their designs

and reputations.







Find the fake: all these goods bear highly popular brand names, but they are the work of counterfeiters raking in up to £1 billion a year

gence Bureau, a specialist division of the International Chamber of Commerce with a UK staff of 20 in Barking, Essex, has completed 300 successful investigations in 30 countries.

Eric Ellen, the bureau's director, said: "Counterfeiting

is absolutely rampant and it's not just confined to the Far East and countries where they needed to build up their industry. All kinds of goods are produced in the UK now and they are often associated with organised crime and drugs, so counterfeiting has

an increasingly unsavoury appearance. We are finding ourselves involved in everything imaginable from protecting the trademark on a film like Malcolm X to the latest designer T-shirt."

In the 12 months to March

made 121 seizures of fake Tshirts, audio cassettes, car parts and watches worth £78,336 and detected 151 cases of goods bearing false origin statements. Many companies pay a small fee to register their trademarks with customs so they may be com-

the single European market on January 1, however, and the proposed abolition of inain from inside the EC.

counterfeit. With the advent of ternal barriers, officers will be unable to make random checks on goods entering Brit-

NEWS IN BRIEF

Epidural jab 'a risk to babies'

Babies born to mothers who are given epidural anaesthetic injections may be at risk from heat stroke which could kill them, doctors are warning (Nick Nuttall writes).

The pain relief may lead to dangerously high tempera-tures in the womb because mothers retain more heat by sweating and breathing less, researchers at Charing Cross and Westminster medical school in London suggest.

They studied the tempera tures of 57 mothers and babies during delivery and found that in some cases where the injections were used the babies reached temperatures which cause brain damage, convulsions and heart failure in

Proud tradition

The son of one of the eightman crew lost in the Penlee lifeboat disaster 11 years ago, Neil Brockman, 28, has become the coxswain of the replacement lifeboat, the Mabel Alice. He escaped death when the then coxswain. Trevelyan Richards, refused to allow two men from the same family on the boat, which was dashed against rocks.

Murder charge

A 27-year-old man is due to appear before magistrates at Huyton, Liverpool, today charged with the murder of Lisa Bayliss, 20. Her strangled body was found in a lay-by on Wednesday.

Canberras go

The Royal Navy is to phase out the last three of its Canberra aircraft by Christmas and replace them with Falcons. The former RAF bombers had been used to tow targets and simulate missile attacks on

Patient flees

A convicted arsonist and burglar, David Fry, 37, was on the run from Broadmoor hospital for the second time after he gave nurses the slip during a rehabilitation visit to his sis-ter at Maidstone, Kent.

Coral discovery

Divers working on marine surveys for Devon Wildlife Trust have found a 65ft long off Lyme Regis. The coral has been found only twice before off Britain and needs warmth and clean water to survive.

Fire death

A 23-month-old girl died in a house fire at Nelson, Lancashire. Her parents and fouryear-old brother were rescued by firemen and suffered slight

Youth killed

A boy aged 15 who was playing "chicken" with two friends was killed by a train near New Southgate station, north

Bond winners

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Reactors that bred us nothing but trouble — fast BRITAIN usually makes its energy decisions in baste, on ■ The government's decision to abandon research spurious grounds, and regrets

on fast breeder reactors last week was not just a way them afterwards. We built Magnox reactors because the to cut costs. Ministers were at last bowing to the Suez crisis imperilled our oil supplies. We built advanced gas-cooled reactors to demonstrate "British is best". We abandoned the follow-up to Japan as well as Britain, all Sizewell, and now the British lauriched fast reactor proand early 1950s. ideological desire for "compemain arguments in their fatition" in electricity privatisa-

The idea of a fast reactor is very attractive: it makes more fuel than it burns up and for all practical purposes provides an energy source for mankind in perpetuity. The scarcity of

all the countries involved. The new thermal reactors were expected to last only one generation before that scarcity made them hopelessly uneco-

inevitable, argues Lord Marshall of Goring reactors was made, it became

vour was destroyed. There are other, institutional, reasons why fast reactors look unpromising today. Their operation depends upon rapid reprocessing of their fuel uranium was a great spur for so that plutonium can be extracted and recycled. This means that the performance of

the reactor is ultimately linked to the efficiency and cost of the fuel cycle. But this is institutionally unhealthy: it means nomic. But some decades after the decision to pursue fast

that the profitability of a reactor depends overwhelmingly on the price charged by the nuclear fuel company that is servicing the reactor. **ADVERTISEMENT** Furthermore, the business relationship between the utility and the fuel company has to remain happy, constructive and positive for the life of the

reactor, that is probably the best part of a century. That is not a sensible thing to expect even if the utility and the fuel company are owned by the same government If the utility makes a loss, it must sustain that loss by itself. But if the utility makes a profit, the fuel company will soon find good arguments to improve its process and charge more for its services. Recent

opportunity to delay reprocessclear that uranium was not ing by storing spent fuel if the high - but that defeats the entire concept of a fast reactor.

In practice, therefore, fast reactors can be rationally operated only by the reprocessing companies themselves. But BNFL in England and Cogema in France have enough problems of their own and are not likely to venture into the fast reactor business for many decades.

It is not true that a fast reactor is dangerous compared with a thermal reactor: it actually has attractive safety features. It is not true that a fast reactor produces more nuclear waste than any other nuclear system; it actually produces less. It is not even true that it produces more plutonium than thermal reactors; it actually produces less. Its merits depend upon the fact that it burns plutonium efficiently.

Its disadvantage is that it is too intimately linked to the fuel cycle and waste disposal business. That makes it unattractive to the British public and unattractive to any operat-All other countries have

concentrated on building water cooled reactors which were introduced first in America. In Britain we have actually

dissipated effort on Magnox reactors, on advanced gascooled reactors, on steam generating heavy water reactors, on high temperature reactors and fast reactors. Of all this effort, only two programmes will be or have been successful; the adaptation of American technology to British safety standards to build nuclear er-cooled reactor at Sizewell.

But Britain is not alone in pulling out of fast reactors. One by one, governments have withdrawn from this activity, some with a formal announcement, others just allowing programmes to fade away. But there is no further talk of fast reactors in the United States or in Germany. Even France, with its enormous nuclear programme, is finding it difficult to maintain enthusiasm for this technology. The big French fast reactor called Superphénix has suffered two small but embarrassing sodium leaks and now has to go through a lengthy relicensing process. Now, only a modest fast

remains. The government's decision to abandon work on fast reactors is sad but inevitable. In five years Britain will regret the death of the coal industry and in ten years we will regret the demise of the thermal reactor business. But we will not regret the death of fast

breeder programme in Japan

Lord Marshall was chairman of the CEGB 1982-9.

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Old chimneys give a lift to wind power

By NICK NUITALL, TECHNOLOGY CORRESPONDENT

AN UNEMPLOYED steeple-Power at Carmarthen Bay ack has devised a way of turning old factory chimneys In Mr Peace's design,

and towers into wind power doughnut-shaped frame is built around the chimney to Steven Peace, 31, who has support the blades and rotor chimney designers and aero-. and other components. space engineers, believes his Tall, 700ft to 800ft chimsystem could be used on up to neys could have several 1,000 chimneys in Britain to frames, each supporting their own blades or helping to produce electricity for factories

or to be fed into the national Unlike conventional wind turbines, the equipment attached to chimneys would require no expensive support structure and foundations. Mr Peace, from Peacehaven, East Sussex, calculates that his system might be 30 per cent cheaper than conventional land-sited wind generators. taking three to five years to break even. In lower wind speed areas, the payback time might by six years.

The life of the chimmey turbines is expected to be between 20 to 30 years and it is proposed to make modular components so that they can be mass produced.

At the heart of Mr Peace's system is a vertical axis wind turbine, which is different from the propellor-style generators that are starting to be installed across the country. Instead of turning on its axis. it moves around its support, finding the best wind direction. Europe's biggest vertical axis machine is an experimental one operated by National

each sent 4,500 students to

British universities, and

Germany and Greece 3,000.

Autumn Statement this

month showed growth in new

and old universities levelling

off next year. Although recent

increases are working their

way through the system, the

universities allocation as-

sumes that new enrolments

will not exceed this year's

figure. Most universities, how-

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University entry gets tougher

By John O'Leary, education correspondent GETTING into the tradition-

al universities is still becoming more difficult, in spite of unprecedented expansion and a worsening of staffing levels. The latest university statistics, published today, show a 22 per cent increase in students over the four years ending in 1990-1. Although well behind the former polytechnics, the universities expansion rate was the highest

Increasing EC student numbers by more than a quarter in a single year helped the universities to a total population of more than 400,000 in 1990-1. Computer science showed the fastest growth, although arts subjects generally outstripped expan-

for more than a decade.

sion in the sciences.

One result was a significant worsening of staffing levels, especially among lecturers employed from universities own. funds. While student numbers were rising by almost 20 per cent between 1986 and 1991, staffing rose by less than 13 per cent. Only 2.2 per cent of

the four-year increase came in cent, mostly taking taught staff wholly financed from state budgets. Those funded Overseas student numbers from private sources, many of reached a new peak, at 56,000, up from 40,000 in whom were employed on com-1986. The United States, missioned research and were not available for general Hong Kong and Malaysia

Demand for university places has continued to lift entry standards. The average A-level score for school leavers rose for the second year in succession, passing the equivalent of two B grades and a C. Only business studies, medical subjects, creative arts and

teaching, rose by 34 per cent.

education had entry standards fall in 1990-1. Social sciences. languages, humanities, architecture, librarianship and biological sciences all showed significant increases. Veterinary sciences and agriculture had the largest rise.

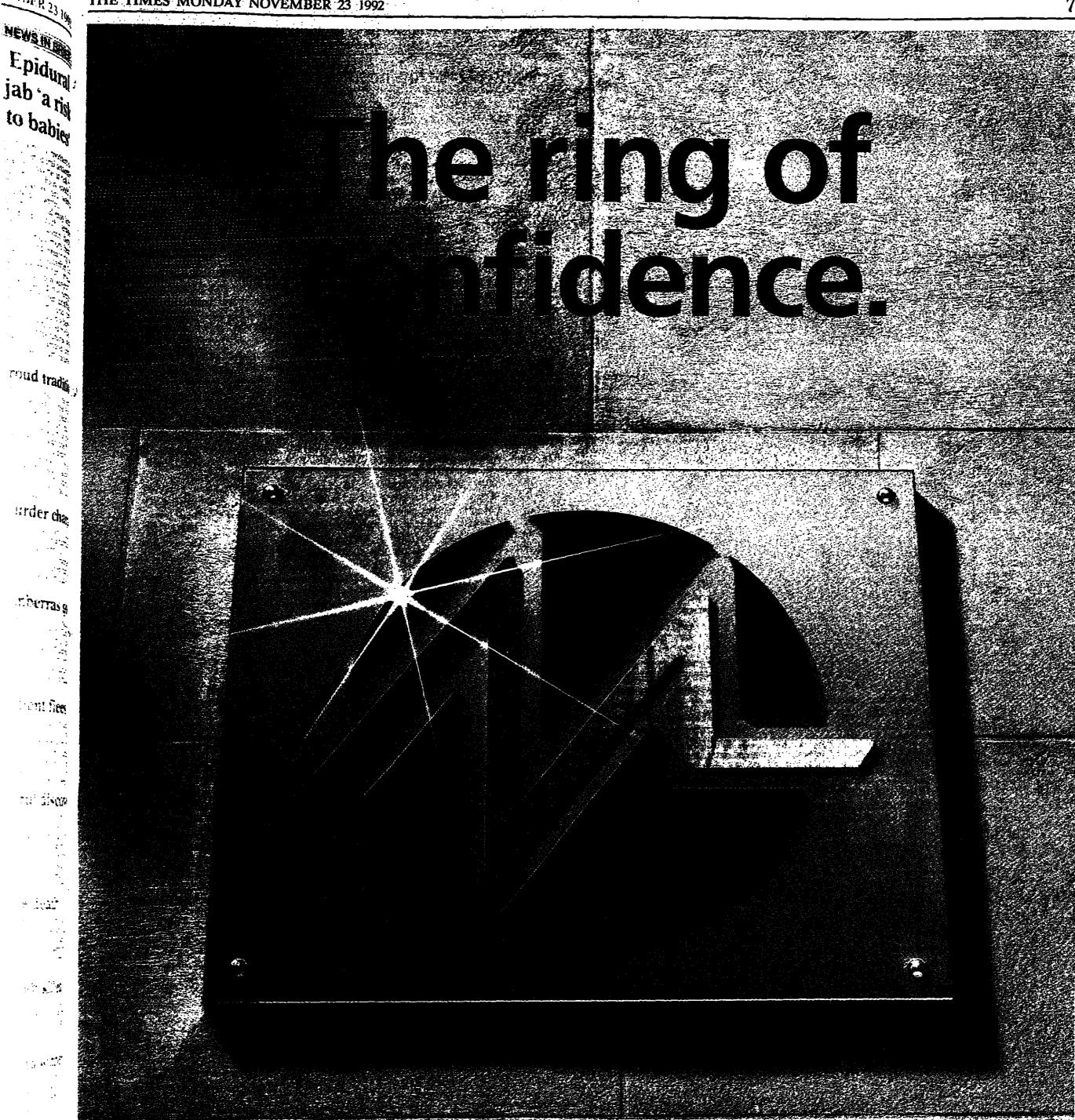
After Oxbridge, technological universities continued to represent the best chance of a first-class degree. Almost 20 per cent of undergraduates at Cambridge gained a first, and 14 per cent at Oxford. Post-graduates increased by 8 per

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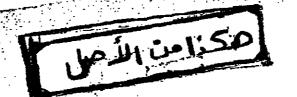
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Analysis: how Britain fails to prepare young people for the future

Minister attacks muddle that dogs training

By NICHOLAS WATT AND IAN MURRAY

too late to pull Britain out of recession. Training schemes rushed in to fill the nation's chronic skills gap are dismissed by many experts as Gillian Shephard, the employment secretary, believes there is "a muddle"

Even the most optimistic industrialists forecast that it will take until the end of the century before Britain can produce the kind of skilled workforce necessary to match its competitors.

For generations, efforts to produce skilled workers have been hampered by an elitist education system that weeds out all but the academic high flyers. The weak have then faced a maze of largely unsuccessful vocational training systems which Mrs Shephard is pledged to improve in tandem with John Patten, the education secretary.

Mrs Shephard, in an interview with The Times. accepted criticism of Britain's complicated network of training programmes, including the new work-based National Vocational Qualifications (NVQs). "We have 4,000 qualifications being awarded by 300 differ-ent bodies and it's small wonder that young people find this immensely confusing," she said. "There are a lot, but they do reflect what employers have asked for."

Employers, who provide nearly 90 per cent of Britain's training budget, are struggling to maintain funding in the recession, but many see training as a soft target for cuts. Mrs Shephard's own training budget was held at £2.8 billion in this month's Autumn Statement, which represents a cut of 3 per cent in real terms.

She agreed the recession has led to a shortage of places in the £851 million Youth Train-

GOVERNMENT plans for a skills to 16 to 19-year-olds. She conceded that "a lot of work" had to be done to help this group, who are guaranteed training if they do not go into further education or a job. Only 23 per cent of the last batch monitored going through the scheme gained a

> Mrs Shephard insisted. however, that industry had a new-found commitment, especially through Training Enter-



'We have 4,000 qualifications awarded by 300 bodies; it's small wonder young people find this confusing' - Gillian Shephard

prise Councils (Tecs), which in the past have persistently complained about Whitehall interference and underfunding. Asked about criticisms that little new money had been found for Tecs, she said: Funding is funding is funding. You will find that relationships between government and the Tecs are good now. They are business people: they understand funding difficulties. They had a shopping list and we were able to deliver much of that."

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system, Mrs Shephard said: Parents often encourage their children towards the thing that they know, which is A level, when it might be much more useful to choose from a vocational menu. So I am working closely with John Patten to see what we can do to sort out the alphabet soup and to see if we can't provide something more in tune with the needs of young people and

the economy.'

For all the government's optimism. Edward Roberts. who chairs the body that oversees all 82 Tecs, was just training field who told The Times that companies had to wake up to the skills shortage. "It is true that when the recovery comes we will not be able to cope," he said. "That is why there is now an enormous emphasis on training coming from industry and not just the

Sir Bryan Nicholson, head of the Post Office and the National Council for Voca-tional Qualifications, believes these courses will rescue Britain, but admits it will be the end of the century before a full choice is available. "Other countries are also raising their standards all the time. We already start at a lower point and if they start motoring ahead it is going to take an awful lot of catching up.

Alan Smithers, head of the Centre for Education and Employment Research at Manchester University, is unimpressed by the vocational council. Even if its targets are met. only half of Britain's 18year-olds will be capable of going on to university, compared with 75 per cent in France or 80 per cent in

Professor Smithers praises the council's initiatives for providing a vocational route for less able school leavers, but says: "The qualifications have touch with reality. They



are tailored to specific jobs. Rather than setting a core standard for maths, for example, you just have to know the maths related to one job. This may be all right in the short term, but what about a job in five years' time? Employers look for a certain range of talents and when they cannot find them they adjust to lower skills. We have the idea that we will somehow muddle

Hilary Steedman, senior research fellow of the National Social Research, blamed Britain's low-skilled workforce for productivity that lagged behind its main competitors. "The government plan is untried and unresearched. We have jumped into the water before learning how to swim.

"NVQs need significant amendment to be suitable for young people because they are too focused on one or two areas and have no perspective of what will be needed in ten vears time. They may be all right for adults because they nition for skills they have already acquired and this can improve morale. But it does not improve skill levels. It simply certifies levels which-

However, many firms suffering in the recession fail to be persuaded by the argument that now is the time to be training workers. While the government insists that training investment is holding up, Colin Bainbridge, who runs a training association on depressed Teesside, has found that Youth Training places have fallen by 35 per cent. "In a recession, training is the first thing to go and the last thing to come back," he said. "What frightens me is the skill shortage that is coming. No one will pay to fill it, but if you refuse to train, come the upturn, industry is going to

have a big problem." Leading article, page 17

IN MANY cases, the only

way into a career is a threeyear formal course that mixes classroom learning and on the job training.

Firms are not obliged to take on apprentices, nor to retain them after training is completed, but nearly all do. About 65 per cent of the country's workforce is trained in such profinancing the on the job training and the state paying for instruction in the

Nico Sebastian, 20, is nearing the end of a threeand-a-half year apprenticeship as an industrial mechanic at the Ringsdorff factory site in Mehlem, a suburb of Bonn.

The firm is a leading manufacturer of carbon, graphite and metal products, with a workforce of about 2,000 that includes 60 apprentices.

Nico will take his final trade examination next month to qualify for a certificate as a Facharbeiter skilled worker), regarded in Germany as a vital passport to employment. He said: "The training plan is very good and well organised." Like other German apprentices in their first three



Skills: Nico Sebastian

years, he worked at the factory three days a week and spent the other two at a Berufsschule (vocational training school) in Bonn. He attends the school only once a week during his last six months. Ringsdorff

also has its own classrooms where instructors give a total of four hours of lessons a week, using a bank of

Nico said: "We get a total of 50 hours of theory and simulation on the operation of computer-run machines. Then we do it for real. It's really great.

"I'm proud that I've almost completed my training and should soon have a qualification. Being a skilled technician has a certain status."

Courses can lead nowhere

PETER SHEPPARD Age 21. Left Hurlingham and Chelsea comprehensive school at 16. Took two YTS painting and decorat courses and then worked in a warehouse. Has not worked for 18 months because of illness.

COLIN RHODEN Age: 26. Left Wandsworth comprehensive school at 16 and took a course in electronics but was unable to find job in the field. Worked for a timber company and then studied for a busiworker until made redundant. Despite a course in car-pentry and bricklaying was unable to find work. City and Guilds information technology course failed to lead to a job.

DAVID RICHARDS Age: 18. Left St John's School, Upton Park, east London, in June 1990 with a C grade GCSE pass in home economics. Answered Bank of England training scheme advertisement and was one of 20 out of 1,000 applicants to be accepted. Spent first year in three different departments and obtained NVO in information technology. Given probationer filing job at £9,769 a year.

ANDREW THIRKELL Age: 16. Left Lawrence Jackson school in Guisborough, Cleveland in June. Chose YIS course in vehicle maintenance and was given a place by a Ford dealer. Attends training every Monday and works at Ford rest of week, earning £29.50 a week. Hopes dealer will employ him.

SAMANTHA MOORE Age: 18. Left Warren Wood Girls' School, Rochester, Kent, in June 1990. School had a weekly lesson in interview techniques and careers information. Taken on by APV Resistors as first female apprentice and spent a year at college learning basic electronics. Working for three years in with one day a week at college, earning £6,200 a year. Should qualify for university entrance.

JULIO ROMERO Age: 16. Left Northcroft School, Shepherds Bush, west London, and worked as a mechanic at £65 per week until the company went out of business.

MICHELLE QUIGLEY Age: 17. Left Beacon Hill secondary school in Aspairia. Cumbria, with nine GCSE passes. Joined YTS to find work in tourism. College arranged placement at a travel agency ten miles from her home, but travelling problems prevented her from taking this and she has been waiting for a YTS place ever since. ☐ Interviews by Nicholas Watt, Ian Murray and Ron-

Employers reject a tested model

BRITISH employers considered the German training system and rejected it as wasteful and inflexible. Instead, they backed the new system of competencebased NVQs, which rely on shopfloor assessment of a trainee's skills.

This is the second time Britain has turned its back on a tested German education system. In 1868, the government rejected a Royal Commission's recommendations for a twin-track school system similar to the Realschulen and Gymnasium. The government decided it was "too Prussian".

Tony Webb, head of training at the Confederation of British Industry, said: "The Germans just throw a lot of time

GNVQ: General National Vo-

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ly based, two-year job-related

school course for 16-year-olds.

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ally in the work place, for

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BTec (Business and Technol-

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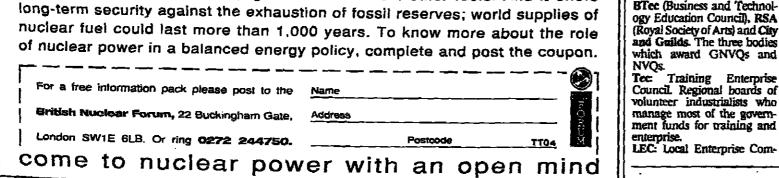
and money at the training problem and solve it that way. Their scheme is wasteful and fails to match skills to the labour market. The NVQ system, which aims at giving all school leavers core skills and a qualification which proves their ability to actually do a job, is less wasteful and far more practical. Even the Germans are

coming round to this point of view." Vivien Marshall, head of training at the Engineering Employers' Federation, said she recently went on a tour of German factories to study methods and came away totally unimpressed. "They are much further behind us in education training. Their schemes are too centralised and negotiated. They have a rigid structure. When you look at the occupational categories that they have, you are going

back into the past. Conceptually we are further ahead. We are the world leaders in qualification design. Our system is much more flexible. The concept is right, based on competence, skills, and teaching adults as well as youngsters."

The German system worked because it was cost effective for employers who gained cheap labour by paying trainees 20 per cent of adult rates. UK employers had to pay double that rate, she said.

Sir Bryan Nicholson helped to design the NVQs and admires the German system, which he saw as a manager in Germany during the seventies. He said he had deliberately set more attainable and more realistic standards. "Britain is not Germany and you cannot assume you can go straight up to their level."



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A GUILE TO THE KEY TERMS

pany. Scottish version of Tec. YTS: Youth Training Scheme. The successor to Yops (Youth Opportunities Programme) which guarantees a training place to all school leavers. ET: Employment Training. A six to 12-month course mixing work experience and vocational training for unemployed

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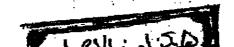
programme announced this month, which will replace ET and EA and provide 320,000 adults with an opportunity to update and learn new skills or do work for the local commun-

ity - provided through TECs. Job Clubs: Professionally nin centres currently providing interview and job hunting techniques to 217,000 who have been unemployed for more than six months.

Jobplan Workshop: New scheme announced this month to provide guidance and assessment to all those unemployed for more than a year. Attendance obligatory for all who do not take up other offers of help, expected to number 300,000 over the next year.

Career Development Loans Available for unemployed and employed to train in the career thier choice. Expected to help 60,000 over the next

NEXT: How Gillian Shephard wants EastEnders to help her get it right



Support renewed for Kurdish haven

Demirel puts case for closer EC link

■ The Turkish president believes Britain is sympathetic to Ankara, but the UN is urging Turkey to cut troop levels in Cyprus

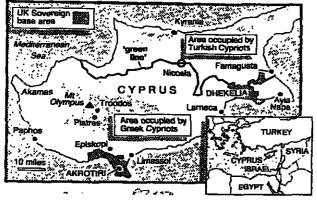
FROM ANDREW FINKEL IN ISTANBUL

SULEYMAN Demirel, the which provides a security um-Turkish prime minister, carries his country's campaign for greater integration in Europe to London today where he will have lunch with John Major. Mr Demirel, who met Bar-oness Thatcher last week, is also expected to give assurances that his government will support the renewal of Provide Comfort, the allied air opera-

tion based in Turkish bases

brella for the Kurds of northern Iraq.

Although a familiar figure for the past three decades of Turkish politics, Mr Demirel will be making his first visit to Western European capitals since returning to office a year ago. It marks Turkish appreciation that Britain has used its presidency of the European Community to advance polit-



UN chief attempts to revive Cyprus talks

FROM JAMES BONE IN NEW YORK

BOUTROS Boutros Ghali, the United Nations secretarygeneral, called yesterday for a reduction of Turkish troops on the divided island of Cyprus and an easing of travel restrictions across the "green line" in an effort to breathe new life into the stalled peace talks between the Turkish and

Greek Cypriot communities. In a report sharply critical of the Turkish Cypriot negotiating stance, he said that these and other "confidence-building measures" should be put in place by the time the UNmediated peace talks resume in March. "It appears from the recent joint meetings that there is a deep crisis of confidence between the two sides," he wrote. "It is difficult to envisage any successful outcome to the talks for as long as this situation prevails." He said the number of Turkish forces in the northern third of the island should be reduced by about 10,000 men to their level of a decade ago. In return, the internationally recognised Greek Cypriot gov-ernment in the south of the

island should suspend plans to

buy more weapons.

ical co-operation with Ankara in defiance of Greece. Mr Demirel will meet Jacques Delors at the EC Commission in Brussels on Tuesday.

At a rare convocation of the Turkish-EC Association council two weeks ago. Douglas Hurd, the foreign secretary. pledged the EC to a level of political consultation with Turkey, described by the Com-munity's head of mission in Ankara as second only to that enjoyed by Washington and

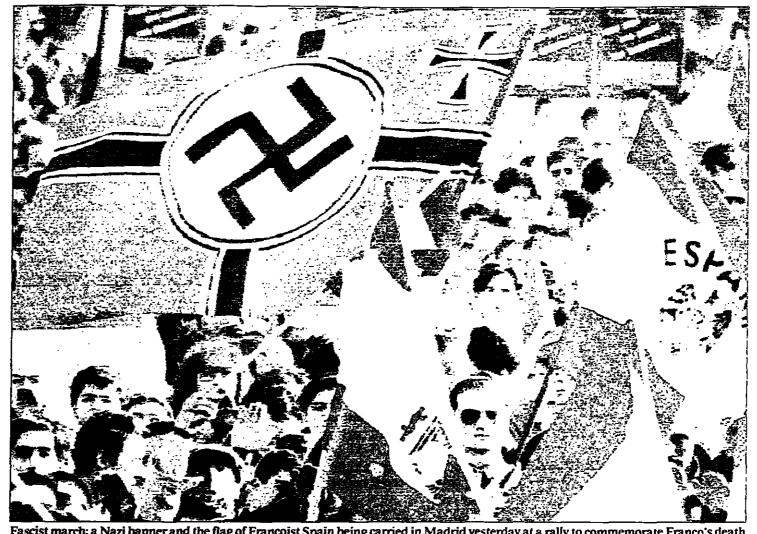
Japan.

Mr Hurd sidestepped a

Greek veto to a joint declaration by making the commitment in the form of a binding unilateral statement. The statement confirms a new pragmatism in Turkey's relation with the EC. Western capitals were largely silent when Turkish troops entered northern Iraq in an attempt to destroy guerrilla bases belong-ing to the anti-Turkish Kurdistan Workers' Party. That has helped to remove public suspicion in Turkey of Western support for the Iraqi Kurds. The way is now cleared for the renewal of Provide Comfort which, in as much as it prevents a flood of refugees to Turkey's borders, most believe to be in Ankara's own

This improvement in its relations with the EC has been long in coming. Mr Demirel's predecessors failed to turn up at an association meeting in 1988 after Greece succeeded in linking progress in Turkey's EC negotiations to that over

Mr Demirel will also address representatives of 200 British firms today at a session of the Confederation of British Industry. He will remind his listeners of his government's commitment to entering into a full customs union with the



Fascist march: a Nazi banner and the flag of Francoist Spain being carried in Madrid yesterday at a rally to commemorate Franco's death

Fascists march as Franco's memory bedevils Spain

FROM EDWARD OWEN IN MADRID AND ANATOL LIEVEN IN BONN

FRANCO is back. Yesterday his old guard and young neo-Nazis held their annual rally on the seventeenth anniver-sary of his death, in the Plaza Oriente in Madrid in front of the royal palace.

About 5,000 people were

there to pay homage to the Caudillo, according to the police. Many wore blue and black uniforms and dark glasses and waved fascist flags in leather-gloved hands. But a squabble between the Confederation of Ex-Combatants, who fought with Franco in the civil war and organised the raily, and the New Force, who will fight against any-one, preferably rival football

vented New Force's leader, Blas Pinar, from speaking. About 8,000 attended a rally on Saturday, whose organisers included the ruling Socialist Party, to condemn the recent shooting of a Dominican maid. Demon-

strators held placards declaring "We are all mestizos."

The centenary of Franco's birth on December 4 is being marked by the publication of several books on the dictator. The authors often deride each other's work.

Javier Tussell says Franco created a personal dictatorship after eliminating his rivals. He boasts that he used primary sources, "not like the books by González Duro or



Franco: new squabbles divide his admirers

Payne". Enrique Gonzalez Duro, a psychiatrist, says that Franco was "an insecure child, fragile, with an inferi-

ority complex unattractive. ambitious to be someone in life, influenced by his

The American historian Stanley G. Payne agrees with Tussell that 30,000 political opponents of the regime were killed during its first years. But Manuel Vázquez Montalban, a Catalan historian, says that Tussell's "inability to distance himself from the civil war is the same inability of the traditional right to distance themselves from their complicity with Franquismo"

In Austria. Jörg Haider, the far-right leader, was backed by his Freedom Party in launching a petition calling for Austria to halt immigration and introduce segregated schools. The petition needs 100.000 signatures to force a parliamentary debate.
In Germany at the weekend Edmund Stoiber, a leader of the conservative Christian Social Union, said that unless the party could agree on changing the asylum law with its coalition allies, the Christian Democrats, their alliance would be endangered and early elec-

tions may result.

In the west German city of Wuppertal, two far-right youths beat a man to death after he said he was Jewish. They poured alcoholic spirit over him and set it alight. police said. The youths, 18 and 24, were arrested and admitted the crime. The owner of the restaurant where the man was killed was also



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Mitterrand resists French demands for Gatt deal veto

The French president, facing a peasants' revolt, is looking for a vay out. The opposition and even the Socialists are being no help

FROM CHARLES BREMNER IN PARIS

ITH the rest of Europe cering the new farm agreeent, the French government ters this week on a political intrope suspended over two ildrons, labelled "peasants"

he Mitterrand administrath spent the weekend trying the centry's 1.7 million farmers assurances that France wild never accept the Washinon "draft accord" in which thEC and America settled tels on farm exports within a ne General Agreement on Trie and Tariffs.

plomats believe that gh leeway will eventually be found in Community

mechanisms to soften the blow M Mitterrand is determined to French farmers and get M Mitterrand off the rope, but the path is long and fraught with danger. In a taste of the promised farm rehellion, squadrons of tractors laid siege to town halls and McDonalds' hamburger bars in several cities on Saturday as Pierre Bérégovoy, the prime minister, proclaimed that the Washington accord "consti-tutes a grave threat for agriculture". On Wednesday, M Bérégovoy will try to corral support from a reluctant oppo-sition in a parliamentary de-

bate designed to launch a great national movement of defence" of the farmers.

form merely changes the way subsidies are paid. The new system should reduce

the incentive to boost out-

put, but by how much is unclear. Mr Gummer and

his French opposite num-

cannot both be right, but it

may be years before one of them is proved wrong. British farmers seem much less exposed than the

French. French cereal grow-ers produce about a third of

the EC's subsidised grain

exports, British ones less than 5 per cent. Similarly, nearly all British exports of

beef and dairy products go to other EC countries and

will not be hit directly by the Gatt cuts. But British farm-

ers, cannot sell as much of

their output outside the EC

as before. The biggest worry

for Britain is that cuts in grain exports might push up the proportion of cereal

acreage that has to be left

fallow under CAP reform.

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not to set off a Community meltdown by resorting to the ultimate weapon of a national veto, called the "Luxenbourg compromise", to block a Gatt agreement. This would pense the much greater sector of French industry which will benefit from a Gatt accord and almost certainly destroy the remnants of the Maastricht accord, making a mockery of M Mitterrand's European

Jacques Chirac, the leader of the Gaullist (RPR) party, is leading the charge against M Mitterrand, demanding a French veto if the new accord is not reopened. The govern-ment's own Socialist Party is close behind. The Gaullists. who are expected to lead a new government after elections in March, have nothing to gain from helping to save M Mitterrand.

Not a single politician could be heard suggesting compro-mise since Friday as all sides have vied to depict themselves as heroic defenders of the time-honoured Gallic way of life against an Anglo-Saxon threat. The air is thick with the imagery of resistance, with France being depicted as the plucky maquisard combating the American occupier, who is abetted by a collaborationist Britain in the role of a Vichy

regime within Europe.

The FNSEA, the main-stream farmers body, is invoking the same folk memory, which goes back through Joan of Arc to Roman times and Asterix the Gaul "Before we die, we will resist and we will do so with force," said Luc Guyeau of the FNSEA

Though even Jacques Delors, as patriotic a Frenchman as can be found, cautiously welcomed the agreement, many of his countrymen see only villainy. Jean-Pierre Soisson, the agriculture minister, has adopted the mantle of the late great general, appointing himself leader of a crusade against Washington and London. "I have taken as my motio the warry of the House of Or-ange," said the Burgundy politician: "Je maintiendrai"

(I will uphold). Le Monde noted that, if France used its veto. strategy defined by the Maastricht treaty would be gravely damaged, to the great delight of the British". Le Monde and a handful of commentators, however, are pointing out the futility in France's emotional defence of a peasant sector

which hails from another age. . The government will call a meeting of the EC council of foreign and agriculture ministers after deciding a position in parliament on Wednesday. A fierce fight is expected at the Edinburgh summit.

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British farmers hold their fire

By MICHAEL HORNSBY

BITISH farmers share may of the French doubts abut a deal on world trade. butheir unease is unlikely to mount to more than a lovrumble of discontent hlike their French conn-

terarts, they lack both pol-itid clout and public suport and would be pillo-rieif they openly opposed a word trade agreement. Daid Naish, the president of he National Farmers' Unin (NFU), has seemed incusistent. "A Gatt [Genera Agreement on Tariffs and rade deal is necessary in te interests of the nation; economy", he declared as ord of the agreement seteen the European Comnuity and the United tals came in last Friday. hecause over-supply within the Et will increase if Frenchstrain and dairy pro-ducers or Irish beef produc-Buagriculture should not e teated as the sacrificial um on the altar of fice rad We have said all along nathere had to be a deal, iut ot at any price."

Bt Oliver Walston, a big gai farmer in Cambridgesir said: "It looks as if we ae oing to pay a much bebr price for a Gatt stilnent than the reform o thEC's comi tra policy [CAP] would hvemposed on us. It is a ply e NFU didn't have the curre to tell us this mn|s ago."

(e the full details of Fidas deal are not known. Jonfummer, the agricultue pinister, said yesterda: The 21 per cent cut in the through of subsidised expots ver six years will not be a ... but it seems to me toe absolutely consonant (th the sort of reductior vich the CAP reform is supposed to bring about."
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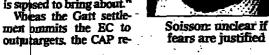
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fears are justified

Ministers meet to speed ozone rescue

FROM MICHAEL MCCARTHY IN COPENHAGEN

ENVIRONMENT ministers from 87 countries, including Britain, begin three days of talks here today to speed up repairs to the Earth's protective ozone layer, which this year has been shown to be depleted to record levels.

Scientists believe increased skin cancers and crop failures are likely to result from the 20 per cent shrinkage of the ozone layer over the northern hemisphere. They also believe the hole in the ozone over the Antarctic will affect inhabited land for the first time when it reaches Tierra del Fuego and the Falkland Islands.

The destruction gives added urgency to the meeting of the signatories of the Montreal Protocol, the treaty governing the worldwide phasing out of chlorofluorocarbons (CFCs). the man-made chemicals primarily responsible for destroying ozone gas in the

Milan: wenty businessmen have be jailed for up to 18 stratosphere. The meeting's threefold purpose is to bring forward by monthsir bribing a former Socialisparty official in exfour years the present CFC phase out schedule, agreed in changer lucrative public London two years ago; bring other ozone-destroying chemi-Flods kill 17 cals under control; and cement arrangements for aid to. Kiev: loods in western Third World countries estab-Ukrainelled 17 people and lishing CFC replacement caused illions of pounds in

programmes. The issues will present the

Danish capital, including David Maclean, the environment minister, and Michael Howard, the environment secretary, with some difficult decisions. There is unlikely to be disagreement about bringing forward the date for CFCs to be phased out in industrialised countries from January 1, 2000 to January 1, 1996. Progress may be less

straightforward with proposals to bring new substances into under treaty. One such substance is methyl bromide, a chemical which scientists recently discovered is at least 15 times as damaging to the the ozone layer as CFCs. Unfortunately, methyl bromide is also one of the most widely-used and effective pesti-

There is almost certain to be argument over the \$240 million (E) 58 million) fund to help Third World countries meet their CFC phase-out obligations. Some donor countries, in particular Britain. France and Italy, would like the fund to become part of the environmental facility of the World Bank. Developing nations will resist this idea and, for once, they are likely to be backed by the United

Refugees claim massacre at Tajikistan camp

REPORTS that hundreds of refugees had been massacred at a camp on Tajikistan's border with Afghanistan were being investigated by the local

authorities yesterday.

A United Nations official
said thousands of refugees were stranded near the frontier after fleeing the Sharmz district, where the massacre is alleged to have occurred this month. Details of the alleged assault by unidentified armed forces remain hazy, with the Russian news agency Nega claiming on Saturday that several hundred refugees were killed or injured. Refugees spoke of an unprovoked attack y "armed bandits", presumably from Afghanistan, using tanks and machineguns to terrorise the camp and steal provisions and medical Most of the refugees in

Shartuz come from the Kurgan-Tyube region, some of fierce fighting during recent months between supporters and opponents of Tajikistan's ousted president. Rakhmon Nabiyev. In an attempt to halt the fighting, which has displaced thousands of Tajiks, parliament decided at the weekend to call for talks between leaders of the rival groups. It also accepted the resignation of President Nabiyev, a hardline communist, who was forced to resign at gunpoint in September. He has become a railying figure for rebels opposed to the coalition government of Mus-

The Transcaucasus region was also in the grip of a territorial dispute at the weekend with fierce fighting erupting in Nagorno-Karabakh as

lim activists and democrats.



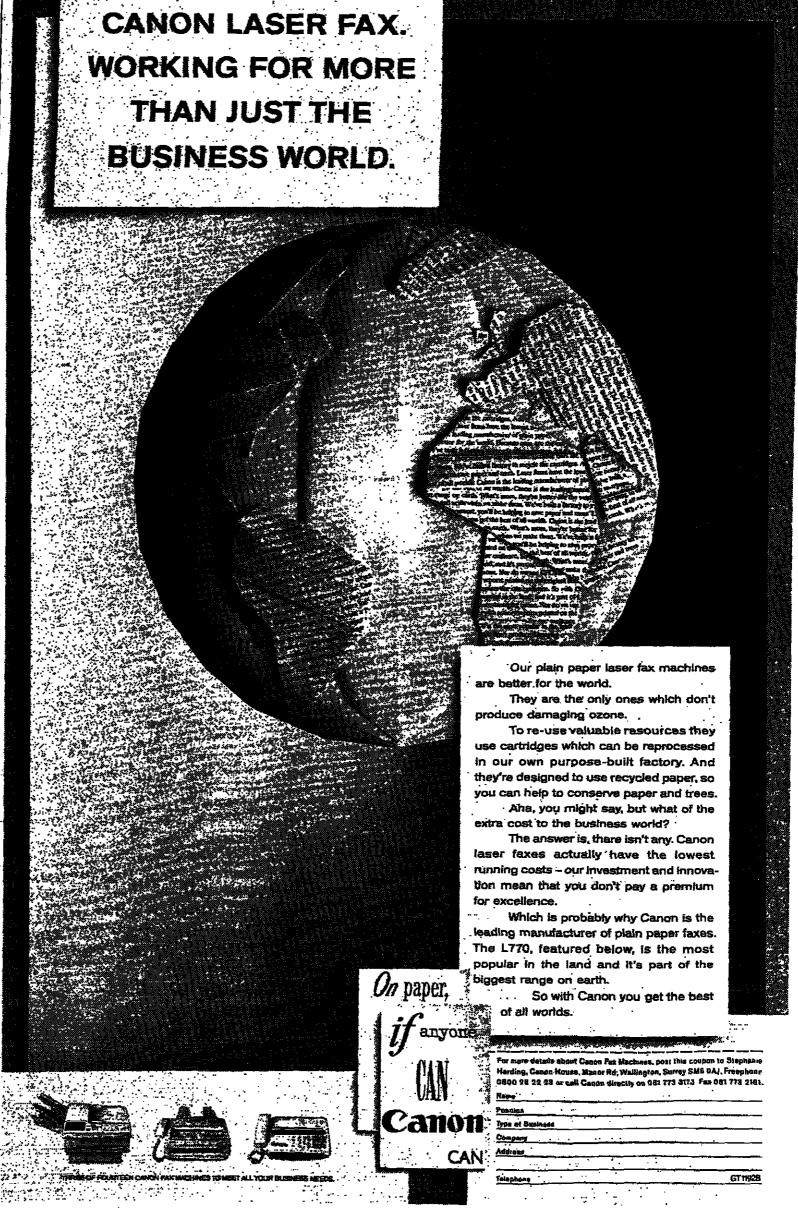
Right dress: graduates of a Russian military school get ready for a leaving party at the academy 35 miles south of Moscow. Sixty women graduated from the school, which trains communications sergeants for land troops

Armenian forces began a away Abkhazia region belarge-scale offensive against tween separatists and government (Michael Binyon writes). He will have talks with the Azerbaijani strongholds in the north of the republic. The Armenians claimed ten of their men were killed in the attack. Clashes were also re-

☐ London visit: Aleksandr Chikvaidze, the Georgian foreign minister, begins two days of talks in London today on

British Council, the Confederation of British Industry and the Department of Trade and Industry and sign new trade and cultural agreements. In

talks with Douglas Hurd, the las Hogg, the junior Foreign Office minister, he will seek support for President Shevardnadze's attempt to enforce Georgian rule in Abkhazia





Serb warlords and UN politics frustrate British mission

DESPITE the armour de-ployed in Bosnia from Britain and other countries, and despite the Nato-style headquarters in Kiseljak which plots the relief operation like a military campaign, the exercise is doomed to fail because the Semian miliua holds all the

For the UN humanitarian relief operation in Bosnia-Herzegovina, and Britain's part in it is being thwarted by Serb warlords who are preventing the 7.000 foreign troops from carrying out their mandate. Frustration and anger are growing.

Yesterday a British armoured reconnaissance unit, consisting of five Warriors and two Scimitars, went into Turbe, which is the next town about to fall to the Serbs. to find out the extent of the fighting. It was the first time the British had been asked to go so close to the front lines. Turbe, 10 miles east of Vitez, will still fall - probably this week - and there is nothing the British can do about it. The successful delivery of food, shelter and medicines to

Michael Evans in Vitez reports on the UN men of peace stopped from delivering aid because men of war hold all the cards

Some towns have been cut

off from UN aid since the war

began on April 6. Hundreds

of people are dying of starva-

tion, cholera and typhoid in

the mainly Muslim towns of

Srebrenica and Gorazde in

eastern Bosnia, but for

months the Serbs have refused

to allow UN food lorries to

reach them. Another attempt

There is so much capability

and expertise here, yet so little

chance to use it. The restric-

tions and conditions attached

to this UN operation were

highlighted yesterday by Ma-

will be made this week.



operation of the three warring llon, the French commander factions. But the Serbs, ignorof the UN forces in Bosnia. ing the ceasefire signed by who tried to explain at his first their military commander two press conference why he felt the need to trust General Ratko Mladic, the Serb miliweeks ago, continue to shell towns, turning citizens into refugees, and block or threattary commander. en main supply roads.

On the evidence of what has been going on since the ceasefire, the Serbian commanders are pathological liars. signing agreements and then carrying on regardless. General Morillon, however, said: "I have to trust everyone I meet or all that we are trying to do here will be useless. The relief effort is also

complicated by UN politics. Many field officers represent the UN office of the High Commissioner for Refugees. which is the leading relief agency in Bosnia, and resent the presence of foreign troops who are here to help them and take every opportunity to un-

derline the point that the UNHCR runs this operation and the military are here under sufferance.

Convoy runs to areas threat-

ened by Serb guns follow delicate negotiations by the UNHCR and by UN military observers with the local warlords. These are ambitious and untrustworthy militia commanders whose men loose off a few anti-aircraft rounds at passing vehicles before going home for tea and slivovic. Into this political mess Operation Grapple, the British effort here in central Bosnia, is now up and running. The 2.400 troops deployed, in particular the 800 or so based Vitez, can hardly be

described as fully operational. The armoured Warriors have yet to be used for a convoy that really needs their protection. They are not involved in the run to Tuzla because the bridges are too weak. They are out on the roads, but the food convoys they escort are going to places such as Kakanj, where there is no threat to anyone. This is not the fault of the

British troops, whose professionalism and organisation



camp and in the area. Every soldier, from Lieutenant Bob Stewart, commander of the battalion battle group, down to the drivers of the armoured vehicles, are desperate to make Operation Grapple work. There are 380,000 in need in the British sector, including Tuzla, requiring 350 tonnes of aid a day and the soldiers want

to get on with the job. However, the civil war is frustrating the whole process. The UN Security Council resolution permits soldiers to open fire if they are prevented from carrying out their mandate. Each day the Serbs are doing just that, but General Morillon says: "Use of force is something we will try to avoid."

restrictive that, if the Serbs start attacking Vitez and killing citizens, the British who share this town would probably have to watch from the sidelines. General Morillon said yesterday: "I hope it will not happen. If it does, we'll not remain passive." He did not explain what he had in mind.

The British came here to help refugees and to be neutral Their blue helmets distinguish them as representatives of Unprofor, the UN protection force in Bosnia. But they are not allowed to protect anyone. Unprofor is a

Living among the Croats and Muslims, it is difficult to be neutral when the Serbs are the ones pounding the towns with artillery shells, driving the inhabitants out of their homes in terror. Understandably, there are British soldiers in Vitez who, given the chance. would like to use the 81mm mortar brought with the battle group to destroy Serb guns. But the UN says that morrar rounds can be used only as illuminators at night to help identify the direction of Serb fire in the event of a convoy coming under attack.

Nobody expected this task to be easy. Delivering aid in the midst of a war which unpredictable was bound to t a frustrating exercise. Yet the 10 nations which have se military personnel to Bosta and are spending millions pounds to help the victims the war have so far ow managed to tinker at the ede of the refugee challenge.

However, before politicias in London cry out for e withdrawal of the British diers, they should first coe out here to see for themses what the battalion group as achieved. The Royal Egineers, in particular, have tilt an infrastructure and plott a network of supply roes which, if fully used, wild begin to address the refree problem on a meaniful

The Serbs, however, ave Unprofor at their mercy, hey only have to say "No" at a convoy of food is used around and sent back the warehouse. Each day tore people are forced by erb shellfire to become refrees, trudging along the roadwith their belongings tied don on old farm carts.

refugees depends on the cojor General Philippe Mori-Fleet patrols Adriatic to enforce UN blockade

Ships from Nato and the Western European Union are blockading the ports of rump Yugoslavia. The WEU says it is also prepared to enforce the UN embargo on land

FROM JOHN PHILLIPS IN ROME

NATO and Western European Union ships backed by air-sea reconnaissance aircraft and Awaes spy planes clamped a full naval blockade on the rump Yugoslavia in the Adriatic vesterday with power to stop and search vessels suspected of breaking the United Nations embargo, officials

The patrols, codenamed Operation Sharp Fence", began at 5 pm with seven Nato vessels and five WEU ships participating, according Italian defence ministry in Naples and Rome. "They are already patrolling," an Italian defence ministry official said.

"All ships trying to enter or leave the waters of the former Yugosivia will be stopped," said Francesco Veltri, the Nato Southern Command spokesman. "The provenance and destination of their cargo will be checked. If there is proof of non-observation of United Nations resolutions, ships will he taken to an approved port or anchorage or to the port from where they came, subject to agreement of the flag state."

Italian newspapers said that the rules of engagement for the Nato/WEU fleet were the same as those during the Gulf war. Nato officials declined to specify the rules, but on Friday Volker Rühe, the German defence minister, said: "They can fire warning shots but they are not allowed to destroy

Speaking on the tringes of a WEU ministerial meeting that decided to step up the pressure of the defence organisation, Herr Rühe added that the German destroyer Hamburg. forming part of Nato's sevenship Standing Naval Force Mediterranean, would be limited to monitoring for the time being. "The Hamburg is banned by the German constitution from any hostile action," he said.



The Nato ships are the destroyers Audace (Italy), the Hamburg (Germany), the Tompazis (Greek), the Pivalpasa (Turkey). HMS Gloucester (Britain) and the frigates Vankinsbergen (The Netherlands) and USS Halyburton (America). The commander of the Nato naval force is Italy's Admiral Enrico

Martinotti, who was in charge of the Italian naval force in the Gulf during the war against

The WEU ships are the frigates Zephiro (Italy), Westhinder (Belgium). Andalucia (Spain) and the corvettes Jean de Vienne (France) and Driade (Italy). Italy's Admiral Vincenzo Pellegrini, on board the Zephiro. heads the WEU squadron, which is deployed primarily in the Otranto channel area of the lower Adriatic off the port of Brindisi.

Backing the Nato vessels are American, British and Portuguese air-sea reconnaissance aircraft and American and French Awacs-style spy planes. Supporting the Western European Union ships are aircraft

from Italy, The Netherlands, Germany and France. The WEU ships had origi-

nally been scheduled to start patrols on Tuesday, but the Italian defence minister decided on Saturday to bring forward the start of their operation to coincide with the Nato plans.

Italy is currently the chairman of the WEU, which now consists of 10 members after the acceptance of Greece as a full member on Friday. The enlargement was a boost to the fledgling status of the WEU as the defence arm of the EC.

The WEU appealed at its meeting in Rome on Friday to countries along the Danube also to guarantee "the rigid implementation of the content of the UN resolutions". The WEU said it was "ready to offer, if requested, knowledge, technical assistance and material to impede violation of the

WEU "will begin direct operations to ensure the rigid implementation of the naval embargo ... including stop and search actions and other necessary measures," said the statement. The ten members said they also were prepared to contribute in principle to the embargo along land frontiers. Italy called for the number of

naval vessels operating in the Adriatic under WEU auspices to be increased to seven. ☐ Sarajevo: A once promising ceasefire virtually col-

went into effect on November 12. Bosnian authorities also sanctions" to those countries. accused Serb forces of moving Naval and air forces of the Scud missiles from Banja Luka and deploying them in positions that threaten the northern towns of Modica and Odzak, but a Serb military spokesman denied the allegation. Heavy artillery shells struck numerous areas of the capital yesterday. (AP)

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bombardment since the truce

Doctors plead for oppressed **Bosniars**

FROM ASSOCIATED PRSS IN NEW YORK

THE medical relief (oup Médecins sans Fronères has identified ten miority nationalities worlwide that it considers nost threatened by warfar and

oppression.
"Our intention i to highlight current upcavals," the group's presient, Dr Rony Brauman said "to bear witness to brootten tragedies and effect on the principles i humanitarian aid. Webope that by arousing ware ness and a desire to nder stand, we will also in u indignation and stimlat action."

In its report, rease today, the Frenchase relief agency single of Bosnians, who wee b sieged by Serbia art Croatian forces in "delierate strategy of terra aimed at redesigning the ethnic map of the

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NEWS IN BRIEF-Women join

priesthood in Australia

Sydney: The 220 members of Australia's General Synod have voted in favour of a bill allowing the ordination of women priests (writes Robert

Cockburn).

The Anglican church in Australia now faces a threatened split. The Sydney diocese is planning to form an independent Anglican branch preserving an exclusive order of male priests.

Tornado toll

Washington: Tornadoes ripped through the American south. killing at least 16 people, injuring more than 200, and causing millions of pounds worth of damage.

Bombs kill 40

Guwahati: Forty people were killed by two remote-controlled bombs in the capital of the Indian state of Assam. The separatist Bodo Security Force is blamed. (Reuter)

Gold recovered

Montevideo: Sotheby's is expecting the first consignment of gold treasure worth up to \$2 billion, recovered from the El Preciado, a Spanish galleon that sank off Uruguay in

Rabin orders end to 'war of the generals'

FROM RICHARD BEESTON IN JERUSALEM

YITZHAK Rabin, the Israeli prime minister, yesterday attempted to restore public confidence in the country's cherished military, after more than two weeks of damaging disclosures surrounding a bungled top secret exercise. After yesterday's weekly cab-inet meeting. Mr Rabin, who

is also defence minister, issued

a statement reinforcing government support for the Israel Defence Force in spite of a military police investigation that could lead to charges being laid against senior officers. The incident happened early on November 5 when Israel's most elite combat unit was engaged in a complex and secret exercise in the military camp of Tze'elim in the Negev Desert. During a rehearsal for an operation, a missile was fired accidentally at a group of young soldiers, killing five and injuring six others.

Although the accident was one of several training mishaps by the army this year, it arracted attention because the unit involved is highly prestigious, trained to operate be-hind enemy lines. According to an initial investigation, the combat drill was badly planned and negligent in considering safety procedures.
It recommended that the officer in command of the exercise, Major General

Amiram Levine, a major and a captain be prosecuted. However, supporters of Maj Gen Levine in the military said he was being made a scapegoal, an allegation that gained credibility when it emerged that General Ehud Barak, and the head of military intelligence. Major General Uri Saguy, had been present at the time of

After what became known as the "war of the generals". Mr Rabin felt compelled in a television interview on Friday to order his senior commanders to shut up or face the prospect of lie detector tests. He accused politicians and the press of near "hysterical" treatment of the issue. However, today the issue will again be taken up by parliamentarians across the political spectrum who are angered by the loss of life and the army's poor han-

the accident.

dling of the aftermath. ☐ Student stabbed: A Jewish seminary student was stabbed yesterday by a young Palestinian woman in Jerusalem's Old City, in apparent retaliation for last week's grenade attack on an Arab market by suspected extreme right-wing Israelis. The student's companion drew his pistol and shot the assailant in the legs. Both Arab and Jew were treated for

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Peking threats dent support for Patten in Hong Kong

Polls show faith in Mr Patten's strategy ebbing in the colony. The governor has dismissed demands for a referendum on his reform package

By Jonathan Braude in Hong Kong and MICHAEL BINYON, DIPLOMATIC EDITOR

CHINA'S sustained campaign of threats and propaganda is beginning to dent public support for Chris Patten, the Hong Kong governor, in his attempt to bring greater democracy to the colony. For the first time since he

unveiled his package of consti-tutional reforms six weeks ago, the public is questioning the wisdom of confronting Chira for the limited political benefits and backing calls for a referendum on the governor's

An opinion poll in the Sunday Morning Post showed that, while the majority of Hong Kong people still support in principle Mr Patter's plan to broaden the franchise.

Police seize **Bhutto** supporters

PROM CHRISTOPHER THOMAS IN ISLAMABAD

BENAZIR Bhutto, the Pakistani opposition leader, will attempt to board a train from Karachi to Islamabad today in: defiance of a 30-day govern-ment order banning her from the capital.

Confrontation between the two sides continued over the weekend. Hundreds more of Miss Bhutto's supporters were arrested in several parts of the country to prevent them demonstrating in support of demands for new elections.

Although the government has been unsettled by last week's violence there seems no likelihood of it falling. Miss Bhutto's claims that the 1990 elections were rigged are only partially true. While there was fraud, it is believed she would lost arryway. She is due to travel to the United States next month on a speaking tour, so the agitation is likely to die down soon. She plans to spend Christmas in France.



Bhutto: intends to visit America next month

for elections to the colonial legislature. 48 per cent believe he should abandon his pro-posals rather than risk the wholesale dismissal of the legislature when China takes over in 1997. Only 34 per cent

said he should carry on.
The result is a sharp reversal in fortunes for Mr Patten. A similar survey last month showed only 19 per cent favoured dropping his reforms if it meant abandoning the so-called through-train, which allows legislators to remain in office beyond the handover. At that time a solid 56 per cent urged him to push ahead

despite Chinese pressure.
The survey was conducted at the end of a week when the the end of a week when the Hong Kong stock market plunged more than 7 per cent on reports that Zhu Rongi, the Chinese deputy orime minister, had threatened to tear up the 1984 Sino-British treaty on the future of Hong Kong unless Mr Pattern backed down. No less than 29 per cent of respondents said per cent of respondents said they had lost confidence dur-

ing the course of the week.
Although the survey sample was relatively small, politicians see the swing as large enough to be significant. Mar-tin Lee, chairman of the liberal United Democrats of Hong Kong, who has broadly supported the governor's stand, said he expected support to decrease in the present political atmosphere.

The governor, however, remained unmoved. As he re-turned from London on Saturday, he confirmed his opposition to a referendum, despite the poll's finding that 65 per cent favoured putting his proposals to the public. He said a referendum would be divisive and would remove from the shoulders of the legislative councillors the re-sponsibility of deciding on the legislative packages.

Western experts are increasingly gloomy over Chinese reactions to Mr Patten. Most say he and the British govern ment have underestimated the anger and loss of face in Peking, and predict a sharp increase in the propaganda battle against Mr Patten's proposals. The Communist eadership, taking its cue from tough statements by Deng Xiaoping, appears to see the proposals as a direct political challenge not only to China's hegemony over Hong Kong but also its influence in the

Among those expressing dismay at the damage Mr Patten's plans have caused to Sino-British relations are Lord Madehose, a former governor of Hong Kong, and Sir Percy Cradock, a former ambassa .dor who was central to negotiations with Peking.

UN envoy sent after de Klerk rebuff

FROM RAY KENNEDY IN JOHANNESBURG

A UNITED Nations envoy flew to South Africa yesterday as President de Klerk faced a renewed onslaught on his government's credibility and his own commitment to re-vealing what lay behind the country's violence.

Tom Vraalsen, Norway's ambassador to the UN, has begun a two-week mission to Pretoria as a special envoy of Boutros Boutros Ghali, the UN secretary-general. Mr de Klerk's refusal to grant wider investigative powers to Justice Richard Goldstone, chairman of a commission on violence, is seen by diplomats here as flying in the face of the secretary-general's recommendation that the commission's scope be extended to include

all armed forces. Last week Judge Goldstone disclosed details of a scheme backed by South African military intelligence to discredit the African National Congress through a "dirty tricks" operation involving Ferdi Barnard. a former agent of the sinister Civil Co-operation Bureau, (CCB), who has figured in the inquest into the death of Dr David Webster, an anti-apartheid activist killed in 1989. Mr de Klerk told the judge on Friday that the commission's existing powers were sufficient

for it to carry out its mandate but that more police help would be made available. At the weekend it was claimed that in Jarquary 1990 Mr de Klerk gave an assurance that there would be no witch-hunt over the activities of the CCB. The claim was made by Joe Verster, the head of the CCB, during evidence

he gave in camera to the

Webster inquest on Friday. Nelson Mandela, the ANC president, said in a speech on Friday night that unless a date was set at the meeting for an elected interim government "there will be no further bilareral talks with the government". Roelf Meyer, minister of constitutional development, said it was a pity that Mr Mandela "is now creating the impression that he wants to determine the agenda and

intimidation". ☐ Bathelezi role Mangosuthu Buthelezi, leader of the Inkatha Freedom party, indicated that there was little hope of early talks between himself and Mr Mandela on curbing internecine violence. He added that he would disregard any date for the establishment of an interim administration if it was set by the ANC and the government

dictate the discussion by

Peruvians queue to vote in defiance of Shining Path

FROM GABRIELLA GAMINI IN LLMA

THOUSANDS of soldiers in armoured trucks patrolled the streets of Lima yesterday as Peruvians queued at polling stations for hours to cast their obligatory vote to elect a new "democratic" constituent congress. It will replace the parliament President Fujimori abolished in a coup

Shining Path guerrillas launched dynamite attacks on polling stations in several rural areas outside Lima. No one was seriously injured. In most areas the public is reported to have defied the guerrillas' demands to boycott the elections. While the turnout to some extent reflects the popularity of the Fujimori government, which has promised a crackdown on terrorist violence and economic reforms to lift the country from poverty, many Peruvians are also likely to have voted because they could not afford the fines for

President Pujimori called the elections for the new congress, which will be responsible for rewriting the constitution, as a move to return Peru to democracy. In



April he abolished all demo-cratic institutions and the judiciary, with the backing of the military. Señor Fujimori claimed then that the parliament and judicial system were corrupt and had fostered the growth in terrorist violence and drug trafficking.

He gave his security forces increased emergency powers and won widespread public support with the capture of Abimael Guzmán, the Shining Path leader and founder. in September. The decadelong terror campaign led by Guzmán and retaliation by

the security forces had claimed 25,000 lives. "Peruvians are tired of violence. Many back Fujimori although he gave himself the powers of a dictator, because they believe it is the only way to get rid of terrorism," said

from the Organisation of American States are monitoring the elections.

Casting his vote at a Lima polling station, the president, "El Chino" because he is the

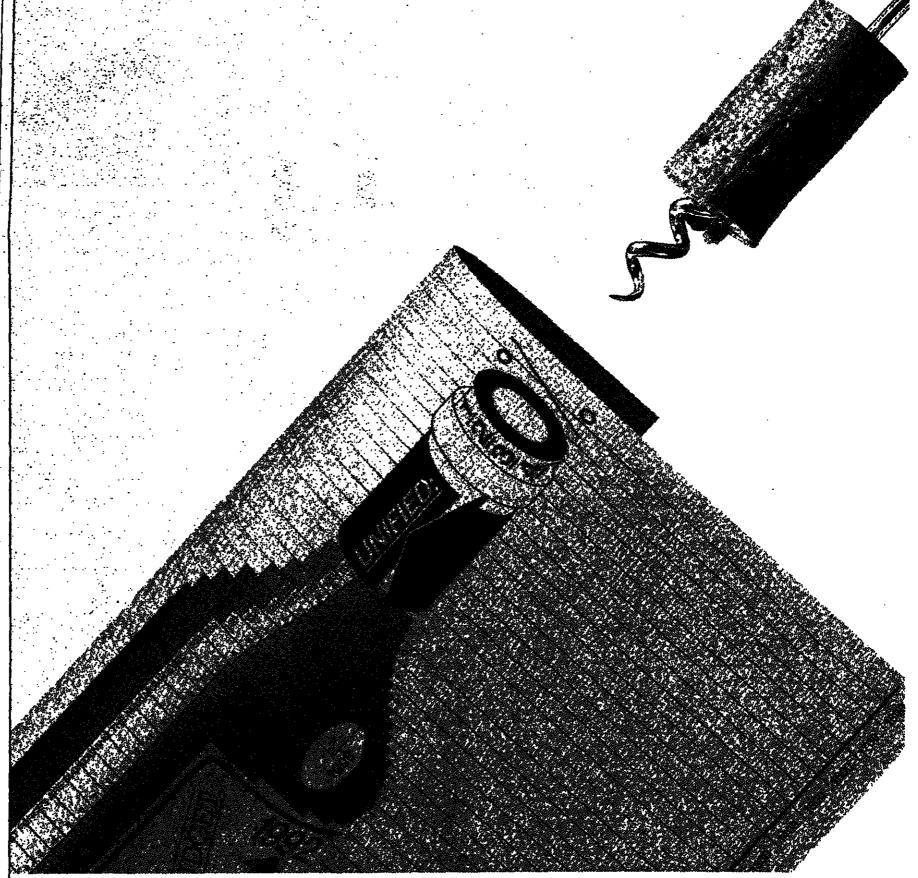
son of Japanese immigrants, said: "The voting today will take us back into the democratic process and show the world I have a legitimate government." But most analysts expect a continuing dictatorship-like regime, with the elections being used to endorse the policies of Señor Entimori, who wants to in-Fujimori, who wants to increase his own powers and lengthen his stay in office beyond his constitutional mandate in 1995.

The parties contesting the 80 seats in the new congress are an array of amateur independent groups, while Peru's two most established parties, the American Popular Revolutionary Alliance and the Popular Action Party.

have boycotted the polis.
Millions of pounds of state funds were spent producing a daily 30-minute TV slot idealising the president's anti-guerrilla achievements and discrediting traditional

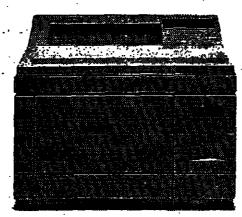
parties as subversive. If Señor Fujimori's Cambio 90-Nueva Mayoria Party and another sympathetic Renovation Party do not pull off the expected majority, it will be a personal failure and discredit his government and his April coup. Results are expected today.





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Bitches and stitches



Are television and film portrayals of the world of fashion anywhere near the truth, or is truth more outrageous than fiction?

ben the news broke that the BBC intended to screen a new comedy series called Absolutely Fabulous, starring Jennifer Saunders as Edina Monsoon, fashion PR, people in the fashion business shuddered. For the past two weeks they have tuned into BBC2 at 9pm on Thursday nights wondering if, God forbid, this will be the night they see themselves parodied and pilloried in front of the television viewing nation.

As art supposedly imitates real life, so television and film produce their own versions, sometimes funny, sometimes colourful, sometimes downright dreary, but almost always never further from the truth. What could provide better material than the bitchy, back-biting world of fashion, already filled to the brim with drama queens (of both sexes). glamorous girls and beefcake boys and luxury lifestyles inhabited by the very rich and those who think they are very famous? It is a writer's dream.

Over the years there have been many attempts to harness the histrionics that are basic to the fashion business and make them watchable. Even every-day soap operas have succumbed to the fashion bug. In the mid-1980s Coronation Street's Mike Baldwin owned a factory which "ran up jeans". This was not enough for entrepreneur Baldwin so, enter his new discovery, Christine Millward, a designer who would help him to take the fashion world by storm with her inspirational ... flying

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suits. "Gold dust, my dear", salivated Baldwin, as those stalwarts Ivy Tilsley and Vera Duckworth argued over who should model them. Imagine our flying suits in one of those bounques in Carnaby Street," another seamstress mused, and the viewer felt almost sad that nobody had told them they were about 20 vears too late.

More recently, another young hopeful has joined the Coronation Street cast. Angie wears brooches and badges by the bucketful in her effort to express her art as often on her hat as her sleeve. The barmaid, Raquel, calls her the "creative genius with the radical chic". We are yet to see any evidence of either.

Two young ladies who are deadly

serious about their art are Beatric

and Evangeline Eliott, in the BBC1 1920s drama The House of Eliott. Never an episode goes by without the stylish sisters agonising over the relevance of the dresses they design. "Do you believe in this collection or not?" they scream, as another Poiret-inspired gown limps onto the screen. When not concerning themselves with the collection, the pair create designs for the stage. and now the screen, and still find time to shock. A show that used dancers instead of regular mannequins to model their clothes was met with story faces by the audience. The Eliott sisters are just too. radical it seems, perhaps they should talk to Angie.

The bigger the screen the bigger the horrors appear. Mahogany was possibly the most ludicrous and implausible "fashion film" ever



Mahogany stars Diana Ross. The press release told us: "Diana portrays a world famous High Fashion model and designer in this dramatic international love story ...".

Diana, or Mahogany, captivates an international let-setter who will sponsor her in her struggle for fame as a high fashion designer. Note the term "high fashion" is always used when it's on the big screen. . Twice as bright, as are the designs that Mahogany intends to dress the world in. The press release describes them as "a stunning group of Oriental inspired costumes personally designed by Diana Ross highlights a fashion show sequence". I am surprised Ms Ross even wanted to take credit for creating such quasi-Blake's Seven

concoctions. Apart from spending

ed Anthony Perkins, perfectly typecast, who opens the door for her modelling career, she almost dies in a car accident, but is lucky enough to be aided to recovery by the international let-setter who sponsor her career, etc. etc.

The films Blow-Up and The Eyes Laura Mars both offered insights into the lives of top fashion photographers, played by David Hemmings and Faye Dunaway respectively. They both became involved in murder mysteries, which is possibly not as far fetched as people might imagine as there are many in the fashion business

one could willingly murder. However, Blow-Up's portrayal of the fashion photographer as Jack the Lad, all East End and sports

manner of designer dresses, and appears photographing her deathly looking models in a skirt which has no shame and a pair of shoes which have no centre of gravity.

ven models find it difficult to walk in anything higher than three and a half inches let alone steady themselves while focusing in a position which would stump even Jane Fonda. The heels of Laura Mars' shoes are obviously the reason someone wants to kill her. An angry model perhaps, caught between the cross-lire and camera shake? Another similarity between the pair is the exhausting amounts of sex they include in. In Blow-Up almost every photo session ends in

orgasm. This is not true. Orgasms come when the pictures have been developed, not when they are being taken. Then it is only headaches which fill the studio.

Funnier still is Fred Astaire acting as a photographer (based, it is rumoured, on Richard Avedon) in the film, Funny Face. It is he who shoots Audrey Hepburn to stardom as a model. However, both are upstaged by the wonderful portrayal of a fashion editor by Kay Thompson. It is she who heads Quality magazine, and makes the decisions. Girls are discarded; lives are ruined; the world changes colour, all on her say so. "Think Pink", she hollers, and all around her do just that. She is always neatly dressed, never a hair out of place, and always wears a hat and/or gloves.

She is surrounded by a team of

similarly attired young ladies who bow to her every whim. She is the ideal to which we all aspire.

Absolutely Fabulous with Jennifer Saunders bitching, barking and boozing her way through the series is a hyper-ventilating version of the fashion nightmare. But it has one thing that makes it work where others fail. Humour. The sight of Joanna Lumley as the fashion doyenne, Patsy - Ivana Trump's looks and Roseanne Arnold's mouth - chain smoking her way around town in a hired car. dropping into Harvey Nichols de-partment store, or stopping for a bite at the fashionable San Lorenzo restaurant in Beauchamp Place. before maybe popping into the office on her way home is furiny, and, most definitely, not in the least like real life at all. Honestly.

made. It was even a ludicrous *film.* her time being photographed in car, is no nearer the truth than Laura Mars who is wrapped in all the streets by talented but torment-



Cut along, there

NATIONAL Aids Day is next Monday and the best way to raise money is to have your hair done. Last week Gloria Hunniford, Kate Bush, the television personality Richard Jobson, Michael Ball and Marjorie Mowlam MP and other celebrities, were looking

perfectly coiffed.

They had put their heads in the hands of top hairdresser Anthony Yacamine and his team at his salon at 56 George Street, London WI, and not been charged a penny — simply handed an empty envelope into which to put their donation for Aids Day.

From today, any member of the public can have the same treatment. From 5pm to 10pm every day this week and all day on Sunday, Yacamine and his team will be handing out an empty envelope to fill at the end of the hair-do. A cut with Anthony Yacamine can usually cost up to £80. Call 071-224 6444 for an appointment.



In trim: Richard Jobson has made a contribition

Linking style to a good cause

ANOTHER way to raise

money for Aids Day is to buy a pair of cufflinks. Jewellery designer Barbara Bosha Nel-son has designed a collection of limited edition cufflinks which are being sold at Paul Smith's, 41-44 Floral Street, London WC2, with 50 per cent of the profits going to the Terence Higgins Trust. The cufflinks, £40, are produced from antique glass stampings set with gold leaf and with 18ct gold links. There is also a small range of lapel pins, £30, and brooches.

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publication of Made By Cartier, a history of the company from 1847 until the present day, Cartier is holding an exhibition of objects from its archive collection dating from 1903 including jewellery, watches and clocks. The book costs £55 and is available from Cartier boutiques. The exhibition opens today and runs until December 2 at Cartier, 175 New Bond Street. London W1. It then moves to Harrods, Knightsbridge, for one day, December 3, and Cartier, 188 Sloane Street, London SW1, December 5-9.

designer best known for his flamboyant mixing of colour, print and fabrics, will design for a British company for the first time next month. As part of the celebrations of the 100th anniversary of The Nutcracker, which was first performed in St Petersburg, the English National Ballet is holding a ball in the presence of its patron, the Princess of Wales on December 3 at the 581 1245 for tickets. Durbar Court, Whitehall.

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looking awkward, a silent

begun by "Tante (aunt) Yvonne" de Gaulle. But

Danielle Gouze-Mitter-

time socialist whose perma-

nent indignation over

human suffering leads her

into news-making scrapes. In the latest, last July, she

was visiting refugees in the Kurdish area of northern

Iragi when a bomb intend-

ed for her destroyed the car

in front, killing four people.

Mme Mitterrand
brushes off the attack, pre-

sumed to have been organised by Baghdad, say-

ing she feels no bitterness.

"It was just human stupid-

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does make her angry and

she lets go: "It's the feeling of shouting in the desert:

running into systematic bad faith. That paralyses

me, facing someone who

says the exact opposite of

what he thinks and then

does the opposite of what he

World folk art on her walls,

the miseries she champions

away as Mme Mitterrand

talks in her office on the top floor of the Trocadero Pal-

ace which looks across the Seine. The view, as they say

in New York, is to die for.

This ministry of culture

building is headquarters for

France-Libertés, the humanitar-

ian organisation which Mme

Mitterrand set up in 1986 and the

reason why she has written her

first book and agreed to a rare chat

about her life. Quiet and intense,

Mme Mitterrand has unusual.

almost feline looks. The first thing

you notice is her youthfulness, the

physical side of the girlish energy

she has embraced her work for the

down-trodden. "There are no lost

causes because there is always

something to be done," she says.

"That's part of my nature. I do not

give up, even when things look

some say naivete - with which

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the world." Ask what

Cut the apron strings



ho says it is women who are secretive, and gossipy, and exclusive? On Friday night Chris Mullin, the Labour MP for Sunderland South, torpedoed by a government whip, failed to get a second reading for his Secret Societies (Declaration) Bill. It would have compelled MPs, judges, councillors, police officers and all public servants to declare whether they belong to any closed societies which demand a commitment to secrecy and allegiance. It provided, in other words, for the compulsory "outing" of Freemasons in those jobs.

And who in their senses would oppose it? It would end the speculation as to who is and isn't, and who might be doing a favour. It would bring the Masons into the light of common day, where many outsiders would prefer them to be — including, according to Mr Mullin, an MP called John Major, who responded positively to his 1986 questionnaire. Yet the bill has found this government deeply unhelpful. It leaves a sour taste, particularly after other recent incidents of self-protecting secretiveness. Why shouldn't Freemasons in public jobs admit it? We would not throw rotten fruit at them.

No, really not I am not as paranoid about Freemasons as some, because I live in provincial middle England and belong to a yacht club or two, so I meet these chaps. I have eaten with them, done business with them and organised Church Hassocks Embroidery Wool Fund Prize Draws with their wives. I am aware that they are not scheming villains. As for "outing", it is remarkably easy to do over the dinner table: all you do is relate a couple of wild slanders about the brotherhood, and they break the surface like enraged

Some are even anxious to dehate. I have spent many a rewarding evening arm-wrestling with men in of whether their secret society is an improper thing, a childish thing, a sinister thing, or good clean fun. I shall pay heavily for my rashness in writing this, because next time I try to get any photocopying done in the local bureau I shall be lectured by its masonic owner on the shining probity of all Masons in the district and county councils, local constabu-

lary, school governing bodies, etc. As one emotional Mason once put it to me over the port "It is a brotherhood of good people, the best in the community. The cream." As for excluding ladies, "We don't exclude ladies. We revere our ladies. They rule us ..." There are few beings on earth more passionate in self-defence than a middle-aged Freemason who suspects he is having the mickey taken out of him by

o no, I do not fear them. Nor do I want to join, nor can I find it in me to be miffed on behalf of any woman who does. I do not think there is a national conspiracy. because some of those I have met over the years are men of integrity, and others clearly could not organise their way out of a paper bag. But whether or not they fix planning deals and make secret signals in court is not relevant. The point is that the general, non-masonic public suspects that they do.

And this is why we need the bill. Masonry, undeclared but hinted at, divides communities. In provincial towns it creates anger, gossip and formless resentment against "them". It is not comfortable to live with the existence of a loyal cabal of businessmen, and policemen, and councillors, and local newspaper editors. If publicly-salaried figures have sworn oaths to something other than public duty, we should know.

Especially, perhaps, since no Mason can ever be female, or — curiously — Roman Catholic. I had assumed that the old Vancan interdict on Catholics being Masons was defunct, but checking over the weekend. I find it is not so. It was relaxed for a while in the 1970s, according to a church spokesman: "If, for example, it was essential to a man's business." But in the 1980s the Pope restored it. Perhaps he heard the continual protests of the Masons that they would never dream of favouring one another in business anyway. The ban is now total.

Which raises an interesting spectre: any opponents of women's ordination in Bishop Leonard's party who are also Masons (not an unlikely combination) might find the bosom of the Catholic church less cosy than they thought. Imagine being on the run from one organisation that betrays you by ordaining women, only to find yourself banned from your other, secular, woman-free area.

That should liven up the dinner

party conversation a treat.

After a rare interview, Charles Bremner reports on Danielle Mitterrand's lifelong fight against injustice

A private audience with when they describe Danielle Mitterrand, the wife of François and France's longest-serving première dame the conscience of France and intensely private, Mme Mitterrand can be glimpsed in the background on state occasions



Olof Palme, Nelson Mandela, and, of course, Regis Debray, the one-time guerrilla, politician and writer who is a close friend. Mme Mitterrand's causes have made her more popular in the polls than her husband, whose humanitarian convictions have sometimes been eclipsed by the realpolitik of 11 years in office. Is she more "socialist" than the Resistance leader she married in wartime Paris at the age of 20?

"No. I was completely made by my parents and by my husband. Infused by the teaching of my parents and by François's ethics for living," she says.

M Mitterrand, who is eight

Well before the presidency, years older, already had a name as Mme Mitterand had joined that a "grand résistant" when they met. He, according to the story, global network of activists and revolutionaries whose rollcall of had seen her picture at a friend's house and announced that he living and late names includes Che Guevara, Daniel Ortega, would marry her. She was, she

says, simply attracted to him and fell in love. "I wasn't perhaps mature enough to explain the attraction . . . my parents detected his quality well before me."

Danielle Gouze was the daughter of a free-thinking schoolteacher whose troubles with the Catholic school authorities caused her to suffer her first injustice. At the age of six, the headmistress at her Breton school refused her the customary bonbon for coming top of the class because of her father's reformist outlook. She describes the incident as a seminal event in La Levure du Pain (the yeast of the bread), a book she has written to explain France-Libertés but which reveals much of herself. Does she miss those early years of resistance, then the birth of her two sons and the start of a career which made her the wife of the Fourth Republic's youngest minister in 1947? "No. You live your life. Je ne regrette rien," she says. "We had a very warm, close, family life then in the Resistance I lived, like my generation, intensely, with our fears, our follies, our utopias. It was a test and a

constructive one for most." Mitterrand's free-thinking approach was something revolution when her husband landed in the Elysée Palace in 1981 and she succeeded Anne-Aymone Giscard d'Estaing. Thanks to France's powerful taboo on media coverage of the family lives of politicians, she has managed to preserve her privacy and an existence quite independent from her husband's. The family home, at the rue de Bievre, on the Left Bank, is off limits to

journalistic snooping. When M. Mitterrand entered hospital for his prostate operation and subsequent diagnosis of cancer in September, she stayed on a tour of Latin America.

However, just as in the United States, the first lady is supposed to confine herself to good works and not dabble in affairs of state. At home, she has not run into much trouble, although last week, she met the family of a young Arab who was shot dead by a baker's wife in Rheims. In a French equivalent to the Los Angeles' police officers' trial, a white jury acquitted the woman, causing

Abroad, her crusade for human rights has repeatedly ruffled the diplomatic feathers of the Quai d'Orsay. As well as the Iraqis, she has infuriated China with her work for Tibet, upset King Hassan

II of Morocco and also the United States, whose policies in Latin America she derides in the lan-guage of an old-fashioned leftist. Still loyal to the romantic notion of communism, she warmly praises
Cuba. and talks fondly of Fidel
Castro. The American quarantine
on Cuba is "the biggest international injustice", she says. "I'm

going to be called back into line on this again, but I say what I think," she laughs. It is widely accepted, in fact, that by speaking out, Mme Mitterrand serves as a useful "conscience" for her husband, when his administration has followed French interests rather than ideals. "Perhaps I get in the way of diplomacy but I'm sure that we remain at heart loyal to the same ideals,"

Her critics among the opposition are sometimes scornful of Mme Mitterrand's work and her claims to be acting as a citizen who runs a non-governmental charity and who insists that "I have no power except the They point to the levers of state to which she has access and see her as a member of an imperial court where M Mitterrand has employed many friends and appointed their son Jean-Christophe, a journalist, as his adviser on relations with Africa. Her supporters dis-miss the jibes. Claude Cheysson, the former foreign minister, told Le Monde recently: won't find many who will speak ill of her. If the diplomats howl over her actions, that's just fine."

France-Libertés, which operates with 20 staff and 45 committees around France, has pulled off some remarkable actions. Now Mme Mitterrand is thrilled over the Rigoberta Menchú, the Guatemalan activist who this month won the Nobel peace prize. "It's one of our victories," she says. "We accompanied her on her first steps

ten years ago."

When the talk gets round to human rights in France and the record of her husband's socialist reign, Mme Mitterrand becomes combative. Under his administration, France, she insists, has been transformed into a vast "field of freedom". She will have none of the talk of disillusion which has flooded the country as her husband's long presidency draws towards its scheduled close in 1995. "The talk does not correspond to reality. Look elsewhere and you will see France has nothing to be ashamed of."

Never shut a door on an American

Christina Afors advises companies how to tailor

their products to suit national archetypes

f the stereotypical Englishman has a "stiff upper lip", why does he take so many painkillers? The is one of the questions that Christina Afors is paid £60,000 to answer

Mrs Afors, who was born in Brazil educated in France and America, did postgraduate research in England and has worked in Sweden, has an international business teaching what she calls "archetype studies" to companies who

want to sell their products abroad. It was when she was working for a pharmaceutical company that she confronted the painkiller question. The company couldn't reconcile the English stiff upper lip with the high use of pain killers in this country. Although they were selling well here they wanted to understand why," Mrs Afors says. "We discov-ered that although pain wasn't a big concern in Britain, a fear of lack of control through pain

Insights: Christina Afors was, and people were taking painkillers before they needed them, for fear of losing

control." She helped the same company market its product in Japan by discovering that the Japanese also found control important - but in a totally different way. "The painkillers weren't selling well there until we changed them from tablets to injection form. The Japanese wanted to show their bravery by giving themselves the injections.*

A survey published this month by Research International and the Henley Centre for Forecasting suggested that companies would be wise to be aware of these stereotypes, and to work with them rather than against them.

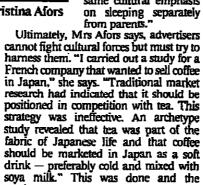
But Mrs Afors warns that selling to stereotypes without adequate study can be dangerous. "A stereotype is a superficial, one-sided view of a culture," she says, "and who is perceiving that stereotype is very important because we carry a lot of our cultural bias with us. A British person would perceive that the French are always overstating themselves. Why? Because the English are always understating them-

Mrs Afors runs her business, Archetype Studies Europe, from London, where she lives with her Swedish husband and two children. Companies pay £60,000 for a single study, on, for example, how best to market their coffee in Japan or doors in

America. Additional studies (should they want to know how to sell the same item in another country) would cost between £18-£20,000.

A company wishing to market doors in America called Mrs Afors in after its advertising campaign failed to increase sales. They knew that Americans were very security-conscious and had been showing the doors closed and locked. Mrs Afors discovered that for Americans

> closed doors were closely associated with a sense of would put the child in the crib or playpen, kiss it goodbye and close the door." The advertisements were re-shot with slightly open doors, and the product began to move, "But such a campaign would not work in France," Mrs Afors says. The French don't feel that way because they are not usually closed into a room as babies since there is not the



product was a great success. In her marriage she is constantly aware of the influence of cultural archetypes. "My husband and I are the complete antithesis of each other," she says. "In Brazil we never talk about sad things - it's a little rude to be sad in Brazil, and very little introspection is allowed. People live very much in the here and now and say 'let's be happy'. In Sweden people revel in sadness and introspection and spend long times discussing things which aren't pleasant. So whenever there's a crisis in our family I become over-optimistic and my husband over-pessimistic, but the children know how to deal with both of

VICTORIA MCKEE

Sadly for Diana, she's often the last to

know what's happening.

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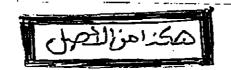
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Matthew **Parris**

A modest proposal that might alleviate the suffering of Sunday rail travellers

made the mistake this weekend of attending the annual dinner of the Oxford Polytechnic Debating Society as guest of honour. The mistake, I hasten to add, lay not in choosing to spend time in their company. They gave me a marvellous evening and are a much better crowd than you find at Oxford's other institute of higher education. No: my mistake was in supposing that I could get there and back. My mistake was to think it practical to make a return journey from Matlock to Oxford by British Rail in two days.

Read on, for I will detain you only momentarily with my personal travel horror story. Going to Oxford on Saturday afternoon was accomplished with relative ease, took only threeand a half hours for the 100-odd miles, and landed me at Oxford station only half an hour late. I call that a good journey, by weekend rail

It was coming back on Sunday when things fell apart. Briefly: the train to Birmingham was "retimed" — reached Birmingham at 11.30am - I could see on the timetable no train to Derby before 5pm, though someone said there was a "special" timetable which advertised a train at 1.35 — I saw a train to Leicester leaving at 11.55 — foolishly took it — was an hour late - missed the connection to Derby missed the connection to Matlock and ... oh, let me bore you no further. I did get home, at 4.14pm. My journey had taken six hours. I think

I could have cycled it in not much longer. But, more to the point, I saw on the station platforms at Oxford, Leamington, Birmingham, Nuneaton, Leicester and Derby thousands of people having their Sundays wrecked.

our Sunday rail traveller represents a sort of public transport underclass. He or she is not a middle class commuter. does not know any of the other people on the platform or in the carriage, and does not do this often enough or in sufficiently like-minded company to get fired-up enough to complain in any organised way. Commuters have political clout in the constituencies from which they come. Weekend stragglers, scattered in a miserable diaspora across railway stations nationwide as their slow trains fail to arrive, their connections are missed, and it's getting dark and starting to rain again, do not form a logical set, are inappropriate material for an army, and will never march. Wretched squaddies trying to get back to camp, desperate mums with tired, whining children . . . oh, it was too awful, But to describe the misery does not solve the

problem. There is a reason why services are slow and unreliable on a Sunday, and we do understand BR's difficulty: "Weekend engineering on the line". A railway needs maintenance, much of it is used to near capacity during the week, and Saturdays (a bit) and Sundays (in particular) offer a reduction in pressure which just about permits the necessary work.

It is not easy, however. Trying to work on the line and run trains over it at the same time is difficult and surprisingly dangerous. Track workers face an incidence of death and injury uncelebrated among the annals of more famously dangerous jobs, such as mining. Trains and track workers don't mix.

This brings me to my modest proposal, which is a serious one. Why maintain the pretence of a Sunday service at all? Why not replace trains on the Sabbath with substitute buses?

It proves almost impossible to maintain the timetabled service, in itself relatively poor, there is no easy way of advertising the changes to passengers; and even those passengers who do acquaint themselves with revised timetables

find that these services do not run on schedule.

Yet Sunday is the one day of the week when the roads are relatively clear. There are exceptions, of course, but in general you could run a Sunday coach service at speeds comparable with Sunday rail speeds, and with better reliability. I am not competent to judge the economic case. but see no reason why the idea should prove prohibitive. Buses would leave from railway stations which would remain open. Rail tickets would, on that day, be valid for road travel by BR sponsored services. The rail network would be afforded a full day in which to get stuck into repair and maintenance without the dangers and distractions of trying to keep a half-cock service running.

n the London Underground they don't make that effort, but close the whole system down for about four hours every night and desperately - and it is a fairly desperate endeavour -- try to fit the work in then. They succeed: but the cost is a Tube system which finishes far too early at night. London, too, could benefit from a Sunday suspension of Underground rail services. The roads are mostly clear, the buses underused. A replacement bus service, such as the Docklands Light Railway already offers, would work well. The reward from this change would be a weekday and Saturday service enabled to operate until the small hours, as it ought to.

Well, there's my plan. It will not be uncritically received. There will be practical objections which it will be necessary to weigh: but, in weighing them, it is useful to remember that in the world of steel tracks and steel wheels there is a knee-jerk reaction against any transport proposal which involves asphalt surfaces and rubber wheels. I'm afraid there is a strand of railway thinking which avers that there ought to be a train because - well, because there ought to be a train. This is bound up partly with emotional loyalties and partly with the unconscious fear in many railway minds that there are circumstances in which their favourite sort of transport would not benefit from a foursquare comparison with the other sort. Start running buses from station to station on a Sunday, and - who knows? - if it works. someone might suggest Saturday, and

Monday, and ... But such reasoning is never admitted to.
Other objections will be found. Little in life affords me greater pleasure than discovering the many ingenious official reasons why my bright ideas would not work. I look forward to hearing them, in this case.

Studies showing the Tories with a firmer than expected hold on power are too simple, says Peter Riddell

the past couple of months, it has been easy to forget that John Major won the general election just over seven months ago. He obtained his own mandate. But was the Tory victory then an aberration, reflecting special circumstances which no longer apply, as some

Labour leaders argue? Of course, there were special circumstances last spring. There always are. But in April they were not all favourable to the Conservative party. The conventional view at the time, as reflected in the pre-election polls, was that the Labour party had fought a far more effective campaign. The Tories won, so the argument went, in spite of their campaign. That suggests that much of the introspective analysis during the campaign

missed the point.

Labour also highlights the short-lived surge in Mon's economic optimism index in the spring. That reflected hopes that economic recovery would begin once the uncertainties of the election were over. But it was a false dawn. So Labour M.Ps argue that, if voters had known the economic situation would deteriorate rather than improve,

Is Labour locked out?

they would have made a different choice.

But these rationalisations are unconvincing. Labour lost decisively. The emphasis on the government's narrow 21-seat majority ignores the far more significant electoral point that the Tories' share of the vote was 7.6 points ahead of Labour. This was much larger than the victory margin of Bill Clinton, with a similar share of total votes, over George Bush three weeks ago. There is little consolation for

Labour in academic analyses of the election which have just started appearing. These under-line the long-term decline in Labour's position since the early 1970s. David Butler and Dennis Kavanagh, the authors of the Nuffield study The British General Election of 1992. maintain that: "Nineteen ninety-two must be seen more as a vote to give John Major his chance than as an endorsement of Mrs Thatcher's record. But it appears more dearly still as a



rejection of what was offered by Labour and raised again questions about the party's future as a party of government." The result "confirmed the Conservative dominance over Labour and the imbalance in the British

party system".

Similarly, in an election issue of Parliamentary Affairs, Richard Rose argues that last April Labour performed roughly five percentage points better than its projected underlying trend. On his view, the hope for a Labour majority in Parliament in 1996 is "Micawberism run mad". Its non-competitive status means that Labour cannot be considered to be the alternative

Such studies, with their frequent conclusion that Britain faces continuing one-party gov-erument, look far-fetched after

the past 10 weeks. But while their conclusions are over-determinist, the underlying analyses remain valid. Labour cannot win just by assuming continued Tory mistakes. John Smith would almost certainly win an election this week, but there is unlikely to be one for at least

three to four years.

Tony Blair recently argued that the necessary and sufficient conditions for victory are not just the government's failure but also the Opposition's will to articulate the case for change in a convincing way. On his view, the Clinton victory proves that it can be done, not that it is inevitable. The Chinton parallel is intriguing. The president-elect distanced himself from the Democrats past failures, while identifying himself with the aspirations of ordinary workers for better education and health care. He suggested that change was possible, even though he travelled light on specific

That is a plausible path for

Labour. Mr Blair believes that Labour has to demonstrate that it is changing itself if it is to persuade people that it can change the country. Hence Labour needs to signpost new approaches, benefiting from what he sees as disillusionment with the failures of market theology. The measures in the Autumn Statement were at least a partial acceptance of a more active government role in promoting recovery, as Labour has urged. Over the next year, Labour also needs to make its internal structure more democratic. At present it is uncertain both whether Labour will change itself sufficiently and whether that will be enough to

The Tories' troubles obviously matter. While they have a strong underlying position, their success in April reflected Mr Major's ability to present himself as the head of a new government and to unify the

win an ourright majority. But

without change, defeat is

But underlying tensions, particularly over Europe, have now resurfaced and the government is having to deal with the policy errors of the late Thatcher cra. Mr Major's personal standing has also been severely shaken He has shown determination where it matters - over, for example, the Gatt talks - but his abilities as a leader with a clear strategy remain in doubt That is why the climbdown over pit closures and the Matrix Churchill affair have been so damaging. They raise questions about the government's compence and integrity.

Mr Major still has plenty of time to recover, passible the economy does. But that is not a certainty. He has lost much of the political initiative and authority he won in April Mr
Bush's defeat is a warning
Long-serving administrations
run out of steam and ideas. And public opinion may be shifting towards support for more activist government, even if not yet for higher taxes. Last April's victory can neither be forgotten in the light of the subsequent dramas, nor does it mean that the Tories are bound to win

Life's a hit and then you die

Disposable people are a logical development for the throwaway society that we have become,

writes Bernard Levin

ell, just how are the mighty fallen? Today, we shall try to discover the answer to this ancient riddle. The present keeper of the secret, strange as it may seem, is a popsinger (the crown and sceptre are handed on to the next secretkeeper very quickly indeed sometimes the turnover is a dozen changes in a day), whose name is Luke Goss. Five years ago, reveals our dear sister The Sun, he, together with his twin brother Matt, also a warbler of sounds and sweet airs that give delight and hurt not were making "records which went straight to Number One". More: "Their music was the teenage craze of the Eighties". Nay, "Girls mobbed the teenage pin-ups", and "bulging wallets paid for flash cars".

Eheu fugaces, as Luke and would put it for only a few weeks ago Luke's house was repossessed. The double garage, moreover, no longer gives shelter to a Porsche, and indoors the £7,000 oak-panelled kitchen cooks not a single hamburger, nor do the gold credit-cards fling open the doors of the most expensive men's outfitters and the most fashionable restaurants, as once they did. Creditors abound, but bundles of money to pay them do not; it is said that the brothers owe in all 6480,000, and yet in their brief heyday under the name Bros — O, brief indeed - they earned El 2 million.

Put something aside for a rainy day? Bah! The sun is shining. What if the next record does not find favour? Pish! The last one did. Suppose the girls drifted away? Fiel Didn't you see that blonde one with the big boobs?

The brothers Goss have put themselves into the hands of an accountant, who seems a most saintly man; he keeps them from despair, imposes upon them a firm budget, collects money they are owed and pays off, bit by bit, what they owe. But he also comments on the

disaster, and one of his remarks seems to me to be well worth examining in detail. He said: "The Smash Hits type of audience is very fickle and it's

difficult to make the transition." Now if I say — and I do — that Beethoven had no such problem, not even with the last quartets, I will be dismissed as just another voyeur, come to peer through the bars of penury and gloat over the empty cashbox. But, to my own surprise and no doubt that of my readers, I feel considerable sympathy with the two stranded youths (they are only 23 even now). Their music is not mine, but I do not believe that their very substantial success was the product only of the hype-makers and other dreadful creatures that lurk in the shadows of success, and leech onto another innocent when the current one

t the time I sat my finals, the Biro had just appeared; my one for luck. It was the same shape, colour and texture as today's best Mont Blanc, and cost about the same - that is, a fortune. (Well, I did get a good degree with it, didn't I, Mum?) But the point is that this precious tool had a most ingenious method of refilling, and neither my mother nor I could have dreamt that one day Biros would be bought for a few pennies, and that nobody would bother to seek refills, because it was simpler and no more expensive to throw them away and buy another.

We live in the disposal era. Fewer and fewer objects are made to last; instead, it is easier to make and sell what is wanted in a form that makes it disposable. But what should be startling, and isn't, is that in the throwaway category we now include human beings.

Not literally, or at any rate not yet, though we are getting very close to it if the unemployment figures are any guide. But Luke



Unmade by the market: Luke and Matt Goss are symbols of our fast-turnover fashions

misery, the picture of disposable people. Step by step you can match the used soup-carton with the used pop-singer; first, into the supermarket where both are on offer, then eat, drink or listen to the product, and finally toss it into the dustbin.

there. We throw away things that we have finished with, and we buy other things in their place — perhaps because a better gewgaw has come on the market. We throw away singers we have finished with, and we buy other singers - no doubtbecause a more pleasing singer And the parallels do not cease has come on the market. Nor,

indeed, does he need to be more pleasing; it is the newness that counts. For the disposal society is not just a convenience; it is a drug that we must have, lest we miss something which refreshes our palates.

Our two warblers had not forgotten how to warble, nor had they lost their voices. Nor, I

would wager, had their musical inspiration deserted them. It was the money-man who put his inger on the place where the labric was starting to unravel; for all I know he listens to nothing but Buxtehude and Boulez, but he said "the Smash Hits type of audience is very fickle and it's difficult to make

the transition".

And in what way did that fickleness show itself? By the audience voting with their feet, not necessarily because they had come to dislike the music they had hitherto revelled in, nor even because they had found it repetitious, but because they had looked at their watches and realised it was time to move on.

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hat, of course, is where Beethoven scores heavily in the longanimous test there is no need for his audiences to look at their watches, because they can go back to the beginning any number of times without ever wishing to move on. The wretched pabulum of our throwaway world constantly demands different fare, all unknowing that every time a new dish is served up it is exactly the same as the stuff that it is

Suppose that Luke and Matt had noticed the audience getting restless, and suppose they had been able to come up with a new genre; it would have availed them nothing, for there is no bottom to the disposal society's dustbin, and no end to the fickleness of the customers. You no doubt notice that supermarkets regularly change their goods round, so that Flandoodle Cornflakes, which yesterday were on this aisle, are now on that aisle. But did you know why? It is because the disoriented customers are then given to believe that Flapdoodle plc has come up with a brand new cornflake, when in reality it hasn't even redesigned the box.

Why we go into this increasingly minimalist way of life is not difficult to see. Everything must be easy, and anything that is difficult is ignored or waved away; an attention span mustn't be longer than a moment, and effort is shunned or laughed to scorn. Is it a coincidence, do you suppose, that the supremo of BBC music hints that more "easier listening" will be provided? If so, Luke and Matt will no doubt be first in the queue.

Naught for their credit

THE NEWS from the Royal Bank of Scotland that it is to cut 3,500 jobs has caused a frisson of personal concern among Tory politicians. The RBS is banker to the Tories, and when it announced that one of the reasons for the redundancies was growing bad debt, it might well have had the party in mind The Tory overdraft is said to have risen to about £17 million.

So worried are some members of the party that, for the first time in its history, more than 50 constituency associations have banded together to call for the democratic accountability of Central Office. Among other things, they want to see it publish a balance sheet with its report and accounts.

John Strafford, spokesman for the Reform Steering Committee, says: "In the space of three years we have gone from paying no interest to paying £1.75 million a year to service the debt. The state of the finances is of increasing concern to the grassroots of the party." They are not alone. One senior party figure, who did not wished to be named, said: "It's an awful lot of money. We are in

While Strafford applauds Sir Norman Fowler's reforms of Central Office he believes the turnover of Tory chairmen, five in five years, has exacerbated the problem. During Kenneth Baker's reign, Central Office was refurbished at a cost of £3.5 million. Strafford says: The Tory party has banked with the Royal Bank of Scotland for some time. Obviously with George Younger as chairman of the bank there are strong links, but I would imagine that the hank must be concerned."

It is not clear where the funds will come from to pay off the overdraft. The depth of the recession has been mirrored by the shallowness of the pockets of the Tories' supporters from the world of business and finance. Many of the constituency associations themselves are strapped for cash. Central Office's Smith Square building was the subject of a sale and leaseback agreement in the early 1980s. Even the energetic Lord Archer averages only £5,000 per fundraising evening.

Party wags are predicting that the raffle market may soon be flooded with bottles of House of Commons malt whisky autographed by John Major.

• Jacques Delors may have baffled the Prince of Wales with Eurojargon during the latter's lay clerks - adult male choris-



visit to the European Commission last Thursday, but the prince managed to cause some confusion of his own. He was listed in the French bulletin as the prime minister of Wales.

Normal services

A CHUNK of British history went up in flames with Windsor Castle on Friday, but one centuries-old custom has been safeguarded. The pupils of St George's School, who have sung Evensong at Windsor Castle every day during term-time since 1352, have refused to break with tradition despite the chaos over the past three days. St George's Chapel was not

affected by the fire and a service was held as usual on Friday. Headmaster Bernard Biggs says: There were fewer people than normal but that was only because there was restricted access to the castle. Many of the ters - gave up working on the salvage operation to come to Evensong before going outside to help again. We sang unaccompanied by the organ as we do every Friday."

The 106-member prep school

was founded by Edward III in the 14th century and is in Home Park, part of the castle complex. Staff and boys had a spectacular view of the blaze from the school buildings. "It went up like a Roman candle," says Biggs.

Desert storm

THE Department of Trade and Industry's export-control department found itself in the unusual position of playing to a packed house on Friday. The cause of the excitement was a seminar on exporting which was attended by more than 130 businessmen and government officials. A bemused Ray Smith. director of export licences, had

cally sensitive companies as els, Marconi and Rolls-Royce hanging on his every word.

But if they were hoping for clarification on the issue which some believe could eventually

representatives from such politi-

bring down the government. they were disappointed. Smith made it clear that he would take no questions on the Matrix Churchill affair. One delegate asked about learning from past mistakes, but "it was seen as an unhelpful interruption. What I did discover is that while you may be able to export bombmaking components to Iraq. you can't export antiques."

■ The latest victim of those relentless bureaucrats in Brussels is the Royal Navy. The result of

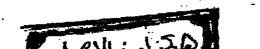
a new EC directive is a ban on the stirring of the Navy's giant Christmas puddings in the traditional way — with a wooden our — on the ground that it is unhygienic.

Broad canvas

WHILE thousands are expected to flock to the Camille Pissarro exhibition at the Royal Academy of Art next summer. the cognoscenti will be making the trip across town to fhe Portland Gallery in Holland Park Terrace, which is playing host to the rest of the family.

There are 17 painting Pissarros spread over four generations, and the work of many of them, including Camille's great-granddaughter, Lelia, will be represented in the exhibition. Taught by her grandfather, Paul Emile, and her father, Hugues Claude, she continues the family tradition of impressionistic landscape painting. "I tried painting abstracts but it just did not feel right," she says

almost apologetically. Lelia, who owns some of her great-grandfather's drawings, has already bought her threeyear-old daughter Kalia an easel. If she follows in her mother's footsteps fame may not be far off. Lelia sold her first painting at the age of five and exhibited at the age of eleven.





HOUSE OF WINDSOR

Little focuses public attention so well as a fire

Hardly had the flames died over Windsor Castle on Friday night, than it became fashionable to ask what they meant. Commentators were as quick with answers as firemen with their hoses.

· Party Ride

Yesterday The Sunday Telegraph opined about "the warning to the nation in Windsor's ashes". To many frustrated conservatives the event has already become a shot across the bows of the prurient and the puritanical, a minatory lesson for the tabloid press and the tax-the-Queen sections of her parliament. "In this sense, if in no other, the fire may serve a good purpose, the newspaper claimed.

For others optimism goes further: just as the Great Fire of London grilled away the plague and gave us Christopher Wren, so will the little fire of Windsor restore the monarchy to public health and make muchneeded work for traditional craftsmen. Local councillors already talk of scholarships in the art of gargoyle-manufacture.

The country's professional doomsayers did not allow themselves to be outdone. In a remarkable piece, The Independent on Sunday suggested "the ominous feeling that the Windsor fire is symptomatic of the country at large, that it stems from the new national characteristic of ineptitude. Nothing seems to work as it used to.... Now even a royal palace blazes in the night". Its writer concluded weightily: "Fate frowns down".

True, Britain today is not in a golden age. But to link the national mood to a fire? It is as though the writer were joining Voltaire and Rousseau's reflections on the Lisbon earthquake of 1755. The armies of reason have surely advanced on many fronts since Voltaire argued that 30,000 earthquake deaths denied God's providential government of the world and Rousseau replied that they were a lesson to benighted city-dwellers to live in low-rise housing.

As the real inquest begins, rationality must be allowed a rapid return. Windsor Castle should be rebuilt. But it was not wise for the government to promise so quickly that the taxpayer would find the tens of millions of pounds that will be required. Some of the most heartening reactions to the fire have been the spontaneous offers of money from citizens and friends. The monarchy is in sore need today of proven popular support. It would be unfortunate if a commitment to Windsor's inexorable restoration at public expense were to staunch the flow.

Her Majesty might also want to consider whether she too should commit personal funds for the project. Despite the protestations of MPs she is under no legal or moral constraint to do so; Windsor Castle is in the same category for financial purposes as Hampton Court, which was restored at public expense after the fire of 1986; the buildings destroyed on Friday were not even the private apartments of the castle. The Queen might, however, see some benefit to the House of Windsor in contributing to the reconstruction of its castle. Her opportunities to do so are not now foreclosed. But they could have been left more open.

The history of Windsor Castle is a crosssection through the history of the whole country. No loyal Briton could take pleasure in the sight of its burning. But, as we survey the rubble, it is important to avoid the wrong conclusions. Those blackened halls are not a harbinger of doom. They are not symptoms of national failure. They are not even an interruption of a great British building's life; they are an essential part of it. Just as old forests can renew themselves by fire, so can old castles. It was ever thus.

There will doubtless be much financial wrangling before the lost splendours are restored. But anyone who thinks that alien to royal tradition at Windsor should consider the plans of Edward III to build a new "Round Table" and tower for 300 Arthurian knights in 1344. Four years later, after much argument, a more economical symbol of chivalry was found, the Order of the

NUCLEAR CLIMATES

A good decision in 1977 may not be so good now

As if to illustrate the maxim that nothing in politics is ever finally settled, an argument laid to rest 15 years ago has risen from the grave to haunt ministers. Within the next six months the thermal oxide reprocessing plant (Thorp) at Sellafield in Cumbria is due to begin operations, converting spent fuel from nuclear plants at home and abroad into uranium, plutonium and waste.

In theory there is no problem. The arguments for and against the plant were rehearsed in a three-month public inquiry held in Whitehaven in 1977, under Mr Justice Parker. Opponents of the plant argued that it would be uneconomic, that it that it would contribute to the risk of nuclear proliferation by fostering an international trade in plutonium. Mr Justice Parker ruled that the plant should go ahead.

In 1977, nuclear power was still generally believed to have a prosperous future. Reprocessing, the technique by which unused uranium and the plutonium in the spent fuel are recovered for use in further reactors, was still thought to be a key stage in the transformation of uranium ore into plentiful and cheap electricity.

Today, £1.85 billion later, the arguments for reprocessing are less persuasive. The governnment's recognition that fast breeder reactors have no immediate future kicked away one of the props. Its Radioactive Waste Management Committee, a commendably independent body, has concluded that reprocessing cannot be justified simply on the grounds that it eases the handling of nuclear waste.

The arguments about the dangers of phytonium have been sharpened by the present world glut of the metal and by the first shipment of plutonium from the French reprocessing plant in Brittany back to Japan. The ending of the Cold War has reduced the control that can be exercised over some would-be nuclear states, as the flow of lethal technology to Iraq has illustrated. Nuclear proliferation can no longer be dismissed as an academic abstraction.

Not everyone shares the certainty of British Nuclear Fuels that Thorp will prove economically viable. For decades it was said that nuclear power stations were the cheaptricity an il by privatisation. Such is the power of circumstance to change men's minds, that identical claims are now being made for gas.

Reprocessing, moreover, is not required to keep nuclear power at the levels of market penetration it is likely to attain on its own ments. This has been the consensus view of US administrations since the mid-1970s. In this case, the principle that commercial concerns should be allowed to make their own mistakes and suffer the consequences is outweighed by the public interest and the certainty that if things go wrong it will be the taxpayer who picks up the bill.

Unfortunately, the decision cannot be postponed till the plant is commissioned. Once up and running, it will quickly become radioactive, creating huge decommissioning costs. Before assuming that the 1977 decision, justified at the time, is still the right one in 1992, the government should take a fresh look at Thoro.

THE TANGLE OF TRAINING

Britain's convoluted and ineffective system needs reform

In a special report today, The Times investigates the failures of the much-vaunted skills revolution" and the ineffective use of the government's £2.8 billion training budget. A gallery of experts levels the charge that a poor strategic response to the skills shortage has jeopardised Britain's long-term economic prospects and sold the taxpayer short. From the dock, Gillian Shephard, the employment secretary, admits that the jungle of training schemes on offer is "indeed a muddle" and "immensely confusing".

After years of bland political rhetoric, this admission is as sensibly frank as it is alarming. In 1990, only 37 per cent of 16 to 18year-olds were in full time education, and less than 20 per cent of the rest were taken on the Youth Training Scheme, which guarantees a training place to school-leavers. Not surprisingly, Britain trails its industrial competitors in this respect. Adverse comparisons between British methods and the spectacularly well-defined training structure in Ger-

many are now a commonplace in industry. There are more acronyms than sense in the current system. In Britain, school-leavers face what Mrs Shephard calls an "alphabet soup", in which 4.000 qualifications are offered by 300 different bodies. Some of the 82 Training Enterprise Councils - set up in 1990 to administer government funds to regional needs - have found it difficult to fill their boards with volunteer businessmen. The promise of local diversity has often

withered into confusion and apathy. Worse, the divide between academic and

vocational tracks remains all but absolute, in spite of new modular courses which should allow interaction between the two. Educationists continue to speak shamelessly of training as a way of dealing with the "less able", instead of encouraging a broader definition of ability itself. Public recognition of vocational qualifications remains low, a problem compounded by their omission from the school league tables launched last

This gap will only be closed if the new further education councils develop stronger links between industry and the FE colleges which are to be withdrawn from local authority control en bloc next April. Private firms themselves could be given greater incentives to take on trainees by a system of performance-related pay that rewarded teenagers for their contribution rather than their presence. The introduction of formal traineeships, tying employer and employee to agreed targets, might also energise the rather jaded system in which many "trainees" are glorified runners learning next to nothing.

There are no pat solutions to this cultural blind spot and the inefficiency it has spawned, especially in a recession which has drained private-sector resources. But, just as John Patten, the education secretary, has stamped his authority upon the schools service, so he and Mrs Shephard must strive to clear up the current mess in vocational training. This does not mean mimicry of the rigid German system; it does mean firm and unambiguous leadership.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Principles and choices raised by the case of Tony Bland

From the Archbishop of York

Sir. Your leading article on the Tony Bland case ("When life is no life", November 20) is sensible and compassionate, and I agree with its conclusions. You are right, too, to emphasise that each case is unique. Doctors have an inescapable responsibility to exercise personal judgment in individual circumstances. I believe you go too far, however, in seeming to assume that there are no clear principles on which these enormously difficult decisions can be made.

The principle that human life should not be deliberately taken has been, and must be, defended. This principle is not violated when treatment is withdrawn from someone whose continued survival depends upon the use of techniques which, in the particular circumstances, are judged to be excessive, and merely prolong an insensate condition from which no recovery is possible. Judgments about whether or not an insensate condition is complete or permanent must depend upon the

passage of time. In the Tony Bland case, more than three years in a persistent vegetative state was evidence enough that no recovery was going to take place. When the criterion is met, it becomes reasonable to ask whether treatment with antibiotics or artificial feeding methods become in those circum-

Clearly the wishes of relatives in such cases are an important factor in the equation. The basis of the de-cision, however, needs to be seen as a principled one, and I believe that despite the inevitably fine distinctions which have to be made, some ethically sound and workable principles have in this case been upheld.

Yours faithfully. JOHN EBOR: Bishopthorpe Palace, Bishopthorpe, York. November 20.

From Mr Francis Bennion

Sir, The ruling in the Tony Bland case by Sir Stephen Brown, president of the family division of the High Court, (report November 20) causes me

You say in your leading article that each such case must be considered separately on its merits and that this one must not be regarded "as a generalised precedent for others", but we need a general formulation of what the law of homicide is: that is the

You report the judge as saying that the approval of the court should be sought in similar cases "as a safe-

guard and for the reassurance of the public". It is not for the court to license homicide, so presumably the judge is saving this is not homicide because in law the patient is already dead. If that is so the court will have no jurisdiction in similar cases to approve or disapprove, and reference to it cannot be

You also say in your report that the ruling grants immunity from a homicide prosecution. This is a further confusion, since the courts have no power to grant such immunity. By our constitution that power is vested solely in the attorney general and those acting under him.

When Sir Stephen Brown draws up his definitive judgment, upon which the Court of Appeal will pronounce, it would be helpful for him to include in it a statement, in quasi-legislative terms, of what the law now is. I offer the following:

For purposes of the law relating to homicide, an unconscious person shall be deemed to be dead if, although his brain retains some functioning, he is permanently incapable, through brain damage, of regaining any degree of consciousness.

It may be said that this proposition should apply to the law generally. If somebody like Tony Bland had left a will, at what point in time would it take effect?

Yours faithfully, FRANCIS BENNION, 62 Thames Street, Oxford. November 20.

From Mr John Quigley Sir, I agree with the plea in your

leader that "the implications of this judgment need to be examined with unsentimental rigour". The crucial philosophical question is: does a human being have a right to

life? If the answer is "yes", no one has the moral right to take a course of action which is intended to result in the death of Tony Bland. If the answer is "no", no one can criticise any taking of human life. I do not believe that the answer can be sometimes". The law should follow and reflect

moral principles. If human beings have a right to life, the law should never condone in advance a course of action intended to kill someone. Murder should be a (perhaps the most) serious criminal offence. But like all serious criminal offences, it is for a jury to decide on guilt or innocence, and for a judge to decide on sentence, taking into account all the circumstances of the case.

Dr Nigel Cox was convicted by a jury, treated leniently by a judge, dealt with compassionately by the General Medical Council, and is being allowed by his employers the possibility of returning to work (reports, November 21.18, etc.). The net effect of Dr Cox's case is that the moral principle and the law remain intact, but it is recognised that in those particular circumstances Dr Cox should not be

I hope that the Court of Appeal will reverse Sir Stephen Brown's decision.

JOHN QUIGLEY, Flat 3. 56 Lavender Gardens, SW11.

November 21.

From Mr Martin Spencer

Sir, The case of Tony Bland raises the most profound moral problems, which must be faced squarely. The issue is whether he should continue to be fed; if he is not, then he will starve to death, although the immediate

cause of death may be a medical

complication associated with mal-If, then, death by starvation is inevitable, and avoidable, is there any moral difference between that and giving an injection to kill the patient

outright? If not, then there is no moral difference between what the law has sanctioned in Tony Bland's case (subject to the Court of Appeal) and what the law has condemned as attempted murder in the case of Dr Nigel Cox. It thus appears that the law makes a

distinction between omission and commission, a wholly technical distinction from the moral point of view, and I believe it cannot be right that law and morality diverge so Surely, if we are not to start down

the slippery slope which has, at the bottom, decisions on the quality of life and on who, in the arbitrary judgment of certain individuals, has the right to live or die, the only safe criterion for doctors to apply is the maxim Thou shalt not kill, nor strive officiously to keep alive". Thus when someone like Tony

Bland develops an infection such as pneumonia, which is nature's kind way of dealing with his comatose state and bringing him to natural death, is not the solution for him not to be treated with antibiotics so that nature takes its course?

The danger of the decision of the High Court is that it could lead to extraneous factors, such as the availability of transplant organs or allocation of resources, coming to play a part in these difficult decisions, with doctors being forced to play the role of God. Yours faithfully.

MARTIN SPÉNCER, 4 Paper Buildings, Temple, EC4. November 22.

Contributions of our history men

From Mr Paul Fletcher

Sir, As a retired teacher of English I should like to give three cheers for Daniel Johnson's article, "The dead hand of the history men" (November 14), in which he pleads for a return to the once widely accepted view of history as "an important branch of literature", of interest to the general reading public as an enquiry into what has happened on our planet to "the Family of Man".

This last phrase, part of Johnson's quotation from Carlyle's 1866 inaugural address as rector of Edinburgh University, may also serve to remind us of the importance of history in schools, where the emphasis should be on understanding what has hap-pened to our own nation and to all members of "the Family of Man".

Yours sincerely. PAUL FLETCHER. 104 Main Street, Dreghorn, livine, Ayrshire.

From Professor G. I. T. Machin

Sir. Daniel Johnson left out the opposing evidence. He writes: The shift away from high politics and high culture towards more esoleric subject mat-ter, though popular with specialists, has not found favour with a wider public.

How does he explain the huge sales of a book like E. P. Thompson's The Making of the English Working Class, which deals with Inotably nonesoteric) low politics and low culture? It is unnecessary to accept the marked personal bias in this book in order to recognise it as a striking combination

of literary skill and academic ability.

Accusations that contemporary historians have a narrow focus are not going to be countered by a return to exclusive concern with "high politics and high culture". In any case such accusations carefully omit to mention recent broad approaches such as John Robens's *Pelican History of the*

Yours faithfully, G. I. T. MACHIN, University of Dundee, Department of Modern History, Dundee DD1 4HN.

From Mr S. P. Whitley

Sir, I read Daniel Johnson's article with agreement and enjoyment but was surprised that he should preach the gospel of Macaulay and Trevelyan without even mentioning their

Yours faithfully. S. P. WHITLEY, Flat 2, 5 Palmeira Avenue. Hove, Sussex.

Implications of government secrecy over decisions on exports to Iraq

Sir, Your political correspondent reported (November 18) that according to "Downing Street officials" the foreign secretary. Douglas Hurd, chaired the cabinet committee which, two weeks before the invasion of Kuwait, decided to ease the export of military-related machinery to Iraq.

In the light of the prevailing Irantraq ceasefire it was considered proper to reinterpret the existing guidelines more liberally. That was, we now know, when the Iraqi armed forces had already begun their deployment for the artack.

The much more important questions that have not been asked and surely ought to be answered now are

Since the foreign secretary, or at least his permanent under-secretary at the Foreign Office, is the nominal chairman of the Joint Intelligence Committee (JIC), was that committee's assessment sought by or given to Mr Hurd's cabinet committee meeting in mid-July, 1990?

Did the cabinet committee ask the JIC for an appraisal of possible or probable Iraqi military intentions at that time, two weeks before Iraq moved its troops into Kuwait, before recommending the "liberalising" of military-linked supplies to Iraq?

Did any one minister ask for intelligence guidance concerning Saddam's rebuilding of Iraq's armed forces to such a phenomenal extent? Iran was then no threat to Iraq, nor

Sir, Although I was named MBE in

the June Birthday Honours I was

dismayed to find that at my investi-

ture on December 1 my guide dog

would not be allowed in the Palace.

This decision has made an enjoyable

occasion into one of stress, for it is

unlikely that a stranger from the

Palace staff, however well-meaning

and kind, will be such an able guide

as the dog who works with me each

Members of the royal family are

parrons of most of the charities for the

visually handicapped, including the

Guide Dogs for the Blind Association.

In a society where guide dogs are

admitted to shops and offices, the

question has to be, why not the

Yours truly,

JULIA SCHOFIELD

(Managing Director),

The Old Workshop,

November 20.

No dog at Palace

From Dr Julia Schofield

were Saudi Arabia Tordan or Kuwait impartial deci Against whom, then, was this massive military force directed? What had happened to all that wonderful intelligence provided by the businessmen who had been encouraged to supply Irao with arms and machines?

Perhans the answer was given at the very beginning of this affair with the same disarming candour as that of Mr Alan Clark (report, November 10) which ended the honeymoon phase. In London in September 1990, just five weeks after the Iraqi occupation. Kuwait's crown prince and prime minister said (report, September 6. i 990) that the Kuwaitis had financed the Iraqi military build-up because they had believed it was intended for the liberation of occupied Palestine.

Was the Cabinet committee told by the JIC that Saddam was really no threat? No other explanation makes

Sincerely. JON KIMCHE, Camilla Lacey Lodge, Westhumble, Surrey. November 19.

Clerical dress

From the Reverend Michael

From the Director of the Campaign for Freedom of Information

Sir, I was astonished at Simon Jenkins's extraordinary assertion (article, November 18) that "Matrix Churchill has surely been a disaster for freedom of information". Surely. the effect is the opposite. It has undermined the government's claim that ministers can be trusted to make

of information.

Ministers, senior officials and government lawyers appear to have seen documents showing that the defendants were acting with the knowledge and encouragement of government and that one was actively assisting the intelligence services.

Not only was the prosecution not stopped, but certificates seeking the suppression of information essential to the defence were signed. The suggestion that ministers were obliged to sign has been widely challenged.

Many people were deeply shocked to learn that the court was told that the documents contained nothing which could support the defence case - a demonstrable falsehood which could have led to the men's imprisonment.

The implication is that ministers used their control of official information to protect themselves from embarrassment, regardless of the cost to the defendants.

I believe that anything which restricts ministers' power to behave in this way will now have overwhelming public support. The most immediate opportunity will be Mark Fisher MP's ight to Know Bill, to be debated in the Commons on February 19.

Yours sincerely, MAURICE FRANKEL, Director. The Campaign for Freedom of Information, 88 Old Street, EC1. November 19.

From Dr P. J. D. Gethin Sir. Your report of November 17

states that the Right to Know Bill would introduce a legal "public interest" defence against prosecutions under the 1989 Official Secrets Act. The supporters of the Bill imply that there is no such defence at present. Under the main provisions of that

Act the prosecution has to prove that there has been a disclosure of information damaging to the national interest. Given this severe criterion for a successful prosecution, it is surely open to any defendant to try to prove that the disclosure was, on balance, in the national interest.

A purist could argue about a possible distinction between the national and the public interest, but there is no need for the defence to do so.

Yours faithfully, P. J. D. GETHING 26 Dukes Mead, Fleet, Hampshire. November 17.

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From Mr John L. Finlay

Sir. One wonders who now would work for British intelligence. What businessman will seek to gather information abroad now? What "controller" in London can now assure his agents that the British government will protect their privacy?

Yours faithfully, JOHN L FINLAY, Southgate, Fulmer Way. Gerrards Cross, Buckinghamshire. November 17.

Sitting pretty? From Mrs Ann Hughes

Sir. The Lord Chancellor (letters. November 16, 17, 18, 20) should sit on a sack filled with junk mail. This would symbolise jointly the undoubted wealth of those who send it out and the supposed wealth of those who receive it.

Yours faithfully, ANN HUGHES. Fiddlers Green, Castledore Road, Tywardreath, Par, Cornwall.

From Mr Martin R. Cooper

Sir. Since we have apparently stopped producing anything of note and are told that our only significant wealth arises from "invisibles", may I suggest that the Lord Chancellor either sits on an empty sack - or preferably wears it as a reminder of our regrettable

Yours faithfully, MARTIN R. COOPER. I Old Rectory Meadow. Denver, Downham Market, Norfolk. November 16.

Julia Schofield Consultants Ltd., Retreat Road, Richmond, Surrey. 071-782 5046.

Yours faithfully.

November 16.

Long Grove, Seer Green,

Saratoga,

Letters to the editor that are intended for publication should carry a daytime telephone number. They may be sent to a fax number -

Beaconsfield, Buckinghamshire.

Drugs in prison From Mr John B. Hunter

Sir, Judge Tumim's observation that Sir, Neither in your report (November drugs are easier to obtain in prison 9) nor your letters (November 16) on than they are outside (report, Novem-

designer clothes for women priests is ber 17) is well known to all inmates there any mention of hats. Surely it is and staff of her Majesty's prison very feminine for a woman to wear a hat on a formal occasion such as From personal observation over the last three years I would estimate that, if you included marijuana as a drug. going to church. I have seen women on duty as choristers, organists, churchwardens

then 70 per cent of inmates are and even funeral directors wearing involved with drugs. My first expohats in church. Why not clergysure to crack cocaine was at HMP Pentonville in 1989 when a roomwomen, especially considering their mate asked me if I had ever seen any. wish not to be seen as male clones? When I said I hadn't he promptly showed me some that he had gotten MICHAEL NORTHWOOD. in on a visit.

. The Home Office position is that there is no drug problem in the prisons, there isn't, we have plenty. Sincerely,

JOHN B. HUNTER (US citizen), E Wing, HM Prison Blundeston. Lowestoft, Suffolk. November 17.

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BUCKINGHAM PALACE November 22: The Duke of Edinburgh. International President of WWF, World Wide Fund for Nature, arrived at Heathrow Airport. London, this evening from

The Lord Buxton was in **BUCKINGHAM PALACE** November 21: The Prince Edward, Patron, the Scottish Badminton Union, this afternoon attended the semi-finals of the Glasgow Cariton Scottish Open Championships at the Kelvin Hall International Sports Arena, Glasgow, and was received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant for

Glasgow (Mir Robert Innes, the Rt

ning attended the Players' Party at the Royal Concert Hali. Lieutenant Colonel Sean O'Dwyer was in attendance. KENSINGTON PALACE November 21: The Princess Mar-

His Royal Highness this eve-

garet, Countess of Snowdon, Presiient, Soomish Children's League. this afternoon received members of the Society's Centenary Committee at Haddo House, Aberdeen. Mrs Charles Vyvyan was in attendance.

November 21: The Duke of Gloucester this morning arrived at Heathrow Airport at the conclusion of His Royal Highness's visit to the United States of America. Major Nicholas Barne was in

Birthdays today Professor Colin Adamson-

Hon the Lord Provosti.

Macedo, electrical engineer, 70: Mrs Anne Burns, former gliding champion, 77; Mr John Cole, broadcaster, 65; Mr Bruce Edgar, cricketer, 35: Colonel Sir Allan Gilmour. Lord Lieutenant of Sutherland, 76: Mr Michael Gough, actor, 75; Sir John Her-mon, former chief constable, RUC. 64: Mr Lew Hoad, tennis player. 58: Sir David Lees, chairman, GKN, 56; Mr Christopher Logue, poet and author, 66; Mr Alan Mullery, footballer, 51; Mr Krzysztof Penderecki, composer, 59; Mr Annon Poot, former chairman, Philips Electronics and Asso-ciated Industries, 63; Lord Prosser, 58; Miss Diana Quick, actress, 46; Sir Peter Saunders, theatrical producer, 81: Sir Peter Strawson, philosopher. 73: Professor John Tarn. former acting vice-chan-cellor. Liverpool University, 58: Mr Nigel Tranter, author, 83; Lieutenant-Colonel George West. former comptroller, Lord Chamberlain's Office, 55.

Dinner

The Old Plymothian and Mannamedian Club The 44th annual dinner of the

London section of the OPM Chub was held on Friday, November 20, 1992, at the Rubens Hotel, Buckingham Palace Road. London, SW1. It was attended by 85 former pupils of Plymouth College. The Chairman of the London section, Mr John Chapman, welcomed as guests Mr A. Morsley, headmaster of Plymouth College, Mr A. Joyce, former headmaster, Mr T. Stevens. Plymouth College staff and the President of the OPM Club, Mr R.

Today's royal engagements

The Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh will attend a reception at St James's Palace at 6.30 to mark the millennium of the Shrievalty Association.

The Duke of Edinburgh, Ranger of Windsor Great Park. will plant a tree in the Great Park at 2.30 to commemorate the millennium of the office of High Sheriff.

The Princess of Wales, as a Royal Master of the Bench of the Middle Temple, will attend a dinner at Middle Temple at 6.40.

The Princess Royal, as Chief Commandant of the WRNS, will visit Gutter Tor Refuge, Dartmoor, Devon, at 9.45; as Patron of the Butler Trust, will visit HM Prison Dartmoor at 1.00; and, as Patron of the National Association of Victims Support Schemes, will attend the annual meeting at the Earl's Court Hotel at 5.00. The Duchess of Gloucester, as

Chief Patron of the Women Caring Trust, will amend the House of Lords v House of Commons charity swim at Dolphin Square at 8.00pm in aid of the trust.

Eltham College

Old Elmamians' Day this year falls on Saturday, December 12. All Old Elthamians are very welcome to watch the rugby (kick-off at 2.30pm) and to join the Headmaster and staff for tea at 4.15pm in King George's Hall. RSVP to Headmaster's Secretary by Friday,

The night sky in December

By Michael J Hendrie ASTRONOMY CORRESPONDENT

MERCURY is a morning star throughout December rising two hours before the Sun on the 9th when it reaches greatest western elongation (21 deg). The first three weeks of the month provide a good opportunity to see the -0.5 magnitude planet low in the southeastern sky soon after dawn. The waning crescent Moon passes close by to the south on the 22nd. Venus is a brilliant 4.1 magnitude object in the evening sky sening four hours after the Sun by the 31st. The waxing crescent Moon is to the north on the 28th. Mars is in Gemini brightening to -1.3 magnitude during the month. It will rise at dusk by the

be to the south on the 12th.

Jupiter is in Virgo and -2.0 magnitude. It rises soon after midnight late in the month. The Moon is to the south on the 18th. Saturn is in the constellation Capricornus and sets by 19h late in the year. The 0.7 magnitude Saturn will be outshone by Venus during December as Venus will pass only two Moon-diameters to the south on the 21st. The two planets and the crescent Moon to the north should make an attrac-

end of the year. The planet passes only three degrees to the south of

Pollux on the 23rd. The Moon will

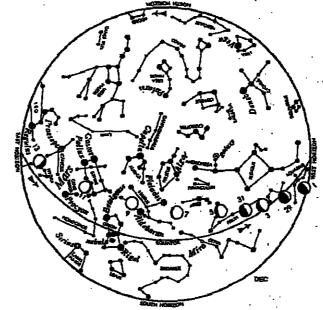
Uramus and Neptune are eve ning stars but are too low in the southwestern sky for observation southwestern sky for observation. The Moon: first quarter, 2d 06h; full Moon, 10d 00h; last quarter, 16d 19h; new Moon, 24d 01b. The Earth: the winter solstice when the Sun reaches its most southerly point, occurs on December 21d 15h.

tive grouping on the 27th and 28th.

Sunset on the 1st is at 15h 50m and on the 31st at 16h 00m while sunrise is at 07h 45m and 08h 08m on the same dates. Astronomical Twilight ends at 17h 55m and 18h 05m early and late

Memorial services

Judge Anthony Jolly



The diagram shows the brighter stars that will be above the noticen in the latitude of London at 23h (1) pm) at the beginning, 22h (10 pm) in the middle, and 21h B pm) at the end of the month, local mean time. At places away from the Greenwich median the Greenwich inner at which the diagram applies are bare then the above by one hour for each 15 deg west of Greenwich and earlier by a like amount if the place be east. The map should be hurned so that the hotison the observer is facing ishown by the words around the circle) is at the bomon, the beninh being at the cantre. One middle, is used in the carrier of the middle and time, known to astronomics as Universal Time and expressed in 24-hour notation, is used in the

Nature notes

in the month and begins again at 05h 45m and 06h 05m.

Algol, the variable star in Per-seus, fades from its normal bright-ness of 2.1 to 3.4 magnitude every 69 hours. It can be seen when faint this December about the following times: 8d 06h, 11d 03h, 13d 23h, 16d 20h and 3 id 04h.

The Geminid meteor shower reaches its greatest activity on the night of the 13th/14th when as many as 75 meteors per hour may be seen radiating from near the bright star of Castor. The waning gibbous Moon will spoil observing later in the night.

There will be a total eclipse of the Moon on the 9th/10th visible from the British Isles. An eclipse of

the Moon occurs when it passes into the Earth's shadow. The Earth, illuminated by the Sun, casts a shadow into space made up of an outer cone and an inner cone. The Moon may enter just the outer cone or penumbra (into which some smlight falls) or the inner cone or umbra as well (into which no direct sunlight falls). If the whole Moon is immersed in

The eclipse starts at 21h when the Moon enters the penumbra; it enters the umbra at 22h when a definite darkening on the eastern limb should soon be noticeable. Totality starts at 23h 07m with mid-eclipse at 23h 44m and at the

the umbra, the eclipse is said to be

end of totality at 0h 21m. The Moon leaves the umbra at 1h 30m and the penumbra at 2h 33m.

Sometimes the Moon is easily visible during totality, an orange or coppery red in colour. Darker eclipses may be grey or brownish while very dark eclipses make the Moon almost invisible at mid-

The Earth's atmosphere bends or refracts some sunlight into the umbra so that it can still illuminate the Moon faintly even during totality. The condition of the Earth's atmosphere determines the colour and brightness of the Moon during a total eclipse. This eclipse is expected to be very dark on account of the large amount of volcanic debris still circulating in the upper atmosphere from the Mount Pinatubo and Mount Sour exuptions.

Total ectipses of the Moon do not occur every year and not all can be seen from any one place on Earth. This December's eclipse is not to be missed if the sky is

Comet P/Swift-Tuttle has been brighter than expected, already 5.5 magnitude by mid November and showing a narrow tail to the north. By early December the 5th magide comet will be low in the wes after dusk some 20 degrees below the bright star Altair and perhaps showing an upward pointing tail.

Unfortunately conditions will worsen each evening as the comet moves lower and the Moon brightens. Use binoculars as soon as it is dark enough to see the stars. After perihelion on December 12th the comet will move into the outhern skies and begin to fade.

P/Swift-Tuttle is the parent comet of the Perseids meteor stream. A very close approach to the Earth is possible at the next apparation about the year 2126. Astropomers will track the come with large telescopes for many years to establish its future orbit as curately as possible.

RAF Gang Shows Association

Air Commodore M. Tomkins, Secretary General of the Royal Air Forces Association, the Rev A.T.R. Goode and Mr Russ Conway were the guests of honour at the annual reunion of the wartime Royal Air Force Cang Shows Association on Samuday at the Rembrandt Hotel. Mr Bob Reader was the chairman.

Sir Basil Smallpeice, of Cobham, Surrey, former managing director of BOAC and chairman of Cunard, who later became nonexecutive deputy chairman of Lonrho and part-time admin-istrative adviser to the Royal

Forthcoming marriages

nd Miss I.G. Greenhalgh The engagement is announced between Mark, son of Mr and Mrs Robert Ashurst, of Brockenhurst, Hampshire, and Joanna, daugh-ter of Mr and Mrs Edward Greenhaigh, of Northwich,

Mr M.A. Aspland and Miss A.A. McCardie The engagement is announced

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between Marc, elder son of Mr and Mrs J.T. Aspland, of New-bold, Warwickshire, and Audrey. only daughter of Mr and Mrs J.P. McCardie, of Lanark, Scotland. Mr C. Castilla and Miss Y. Matandi

The engagement is announced between Craig, son of the late Mr and Mrs Adrian Castilla, of Ches ter Square, London and Moreland Hills, Ohio. and Yassemine (Yassy). daughter of Mr Joe Mazandi, of Los Angeles. California and of Lady Renwick. of Cheyne Walk, London.

Mr. IW Greens and Dr J.P. White

The engagement is announced between John, son of Mrs Joan Gregson and the late Mr Tom Gregson, of Totland Bay, Isle of Wight, and Juliet, daughter of Mr and Mrs Gerald White, of Newton Mr J.P. Kelly

and Miss H.L. Weekes

The engagement is announced between Jonathan Patrick, younger san of Mr J.D.C. Kelly and Mrs A.G. Kelly, of Louth, Lincolnshire, and Helen Louise, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs R.J. Weekes, of Bromley, Kent.

57. Hillsboro, New Hampshire, Cadiz, 1876; Boris Karloff, actor.

Mr A. Stalker and Miss E. Crighton The engagement is announced between Alan, son of Mr and Mrs Douglas Stalker, of Welling, Kent, and Elaine, only daughter of Mr and Mrs Isn Crighton, of Kenmay, Aberdeenshire. Mr A.I. Waltham

and Miss S.J. Partridge

The engagement is anniounced between Anthony John, elder son of Mr and Mrs Donald Waitham, of Fleet, Lincolnshite, and Sophia Josephine, daughter of Mr John Partiidge, of Empirigham, Rut-land, and the Host Mrs Caroline Partridge, of Kensington, London.

Marriage

and Miss R.R.N. Mangles

The marriage took place on Sat-urday at St Mary's, Farndale, York, of Captain Richard Trant, 16th/5th The Queen's Royal Lancers, only son of Sir Richard and Lady Trant, to Miss Rebecca Mangles, youngest daughter of Major and Mrs John Mangles, of Farndale. The Rev S.Z. Edwards, grandfather of the bridegroom. and the Rev A. Hughes officiated. The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, was attended by Poppy, Briony and Some House. Captain Toby

Tennent was best man. A guard of honour was found by Warrant Officers and senior NOO's of the 16th/5th The Queen's Royal Lancers.

A reception was held at the home of the bride and the honeymoon will be spent abmad.

Anniversaries

BIRTHS: John Walls, math-ematician, Ashford, Kent, 1616; François Baberd, revolutionary, St Quentin, 1760; Franklin Pierce, 14th American President 1853-1804; James Thomson, poet, au-thor of The City of Dreadfal Night, Glasgow, 1834; Marya Bashkirtseva, painter, Pultowa, Russia, 1860; Manuel de Falla, composer, London, 1887.

DEATHS: Perkin Warbeck, pretender to the throne, executed, London, 1499; Thomas Talks, organist and composer, London, 1585; Richard Hakhuyt, geog-rapher, London, 1616; Hams Willem Bentinck, 1st Earl of Portland, statesman, Beaconsfiel Buckinghamshire, 1709; Abbé Prévost, novelist, Chantilly, France, 1763: Sir Roger Newdigate, antiquary, Arbury, Warwickshire, 1806; Johann Bode, astronomer, Berlin, 1826; Friedrich Strave, astonomer, St Petersburg, 1864; Charles Booth, shipowner and sociologist, Leicestershire, 1916; Sir Arthur

Wing Pipero, dramatist, London, 1934; André Mahaux, writer and statesman. Paris, 1976. The meat market at Smithfield

Church news

The Rev Bruce Bernes, Vicin; St Michael and AH Angels. Plantagrove (Fortsmouth): to resign from Dec 31.

The Rev Edward Haved, Curate, Dereham and Scarning, to resize as from Decomber 31 for health response. The Rev Ron Sumon, Rector, Church Landon and Rural Dean of Congleton (Chester), retired from October 18. The Rev Eric Waterhouse, Recto Abberton, Manyton Bezuchamp an Ekisampion w Thockes retired from October 31.

University news

Appointments to professorships: Michael Whiting, Dean of the Faculty of Health: Addan Bone, Reader in Pharmacy: Peter Widdowson, Head of

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ANNIVERSARIES HAPPY Ametiversary Ptp. Lave you to bits. Ptp.	
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ARMITAGE - Edward John on November 20th 1992, peacefully at home aged 72. Dearby beloved husband of Marthe brother of Ruth lather of James, Jeremy and Joanna, grandinter of Alexander. Ruth and Joseph. Hannah. John and Jamle. Martha and Sam. Funeral expected Thursday afternoon.	2
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DYSON - Jane (née Wood) died 17th November peacefully at British Home and Hospital for incurables. Daughter of Dorein and Peter. Friend of Norman. Much loved. Gremation at West Norwood in Thursday. West Notwood on Thursday
26th November at 1.30 pm.
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SHAKERLEY - On November 18th, at home after a short timess. Alison May, aged 81. Dearly beloved wife of Peter

MEMORIAL SERVICES

ALLOWAY - A service of Thanksgiving for the life of Brisadler Geoffrey Lewis Galloway, DSO, OHE GM, will be held on Tuesday Sth. December at St James's Church, 197 Piccadilly, London Wi, at 3 pm.

MiscLEOD - On November 20th, William, passed away at Lee-on-Soleni, Hampshire, Aged 68 years, Funeral Service Friday November 27th at 11.30 am, Portchester Crematorium, Hampshire, Floral froutes: or donations to The Menters Society.

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SARJEANT - On Novembre 20th 1992, peacefully hospital. John Keirwi Glenn Sarleant M.E. (MFRIBA., devoted and below husband of the late Auditorities).

Deany beloved wife of Peter Shakerley and mother of Citye. Angela. Dawn and Gavin. Funeral at Lantegios-by-Fowey. Comwall, at 2 pm on Tuesday November 24th. Pamily Bowers only to the church please. Donations if desired to Save the Children Fund.

STRONG - On November 20th, peacefully at home, Janut, beloved wife of John and much beved mother and grandmother. Private cremation. No flowers or letters please, but denations in memory, if winted, to St. Christopher's Hospice, Sydenham, SE26 6DZ.

WARD - On November 20th 1992. Group Captain Raibt of Fairight, justband of Constance (Née Christopherson), lather of Richard, Shirley Dudi, Selly and the late Caroliva. Much loved by all his family and many friends. Private Cremation. No flowers, please but donations if desired may be sent to Royal Ritish Legion. Devousing Rd. Hagtings

WILLIAMS - On November 10th, peacefully in her sleep at Burton Closes Nursing Home. Balewell. Joyce Mary (Joy) Williams M.B.Z. 1980 34 Penrs. 12te Queen Elizabeth's Overses Nursing Survice, Nigeria formerly of Cakesystes. Fethiotowe. Youlgrave and Nottingham. Minch leved sister, Aunt and sood friend to many. Service of thankspiring November 27th 11.00 am All Salins Church, Youlgrave. Derby stare. No flowers, donations to Save The Children Fund of All Salins Church Youlgrave.

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EDWARDS - In mamory of dear Philip who died at Oxford on 23rd Nov. 1968. ROSE - On 23/11/91. Helen. Beauty isn't the same by any other name. LEGAL NOTICES

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A service of thanksgiving for the life of Judge Anthony Jolly was held on Saturday at St John's. Church Street, Preston. The Rev Robert Ladds officiated. Mr Matkopert Laggs officiated. Mr Mar-thew Jolly, son, the Guild Mayor of Preston, and Judge Michael Lever, QC, read the lessons. Judge Klevan, QC, Leader of the North-ern Circuit, gave an address. The Bishop of Blackburn pronounced the bleesing. the blessing.

Professor Ernest Ladwig Stahl

A memorial service for Professor

Ernest Ludwig Stahl was held on
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Luke, Emerius Student, read the
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Med The 17th day 1 November 1992 LP.ASHWORTH, Director.

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upside down on a pine needle when looking for food. Two South American flow

ers, gallant soldier and shaggy soldier, are still in bloom in the corners of town gardens and others have arrived from the in neglected flowerpots in basement areas. They both have small white and yellow flowerheads, but gallant soldier has smooth stems while shaggy soldier is covered with fine hairs. As the rivers begin to flow faster, elderly eels are making their way down to the sea; while salmon are climbing rivers to get to their spawning grounds in the gravelly shallows. DJM

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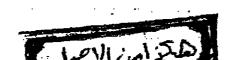
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PRESIDENT KAYSONE PHOMVIHANE

Kaysone Phomvihane, president of Laos and secretary general of the Lao People's Revolutionary Party, died in Vientiane, on November 21 aged 71. He was born on December 13, 1920,

KAYSONE Phomvihane was one of the last of the old-style communist dictators still in power. He was among the revolutionary leaders in Laos who, in 1975, ousted his party's coalition partners, abolished the country's 600-year-old monarchy and allowed the last king. Savang Vatthana and his wife. Queen Khamphoui, to perish in a political re-education camp. Kaysone had led the Laotian Communist Party since 1955 and had helped to direct three decades of revolution against first France and then the American backed regime in Vientiane. He was prime minister from 1975 to August last year when the national assembly elected him president, with enhanced nowers, in succession to his longtime comrade. Prince Souphanouvong. Kaysone rarely travelled outside of

Laos and was virtually unknown abroad. As a founding member of the Indochinese Communist Party, he was a friend and contemporary of Vietnam's late president. Ho Chi Minh, and the victor of Dien Bien Phu. Marshal Vo Nguyen Giap, and he maintained close relations with the Hanoi authorities.

But in recent years he became a more pragmatic figure who reformed the Laotian economy and slowly began opening up his landlocked country to foreign capital in an attempt to overcome its chronic under-development. Kaysone Phomvihane was born in

the southern panhandle province of Savanakhet. His mother was a Lao peasant and his Vietnamese father was a civil servant for the French who ruled Laos at the time.

He grew up in a strongly disciplined family. He studied Buddhism and became fluent in Thai, Shan,



French, English, Lao and Vietnamese. He studied law at Vietnam's Hanoi University and became in-volved with student activities under the wing of the fledgling Indochinese Communist Party.

"In those days, I never, never gave a thought to communism or socialism." his biography quotes him as saying. "But I believed that the Soviet Union would defeat the Hitlerite

Kaysone received his first military and political training from the Viet Minh and was sent back to Laos by Ho Chi Minh to join the anti-French movement when revolutionaries began laying the foundation of what was to become the Lao Patriotic Front, or Pathet Lao, and the power behind it - the Lao People's Revolutionary Party.

Kaysone returned to Vietnam in 1945. In 1949, he was made commander of the Free Lao Revolutionary Army and became one of the Indochinese Communist Party's first Lao members.

When the Free Lao Front was established in 1950, Kaysone was

appointed to the clandestine government's central committee and was made defence minister. Five years later the Lao Revolutionary Party was founded, and he was elected its secretary-general and made commander of the Pathet Lao army.

France's control of Indochina ended at Dien Bien Phu in 1954, and an internal struggle for control of Lans ensued. Kaysone unsuccessfully sought election to parliament in 1958, then fled with other Pather Lao leaders to Sam Neua, their headquarters in northern Laos.

In 1959, he was named vice president of the Pathet Lao central committee. The stocky revolutionary's rapid rise has been antributed to his intellect and organizational ability - and his close ties with North Vietnam.

During the Vietnam war, when Kaysone headed the communist Pathet Lao. Prince Souphanouvong, the "Red Prince," was the best known of the Laotian leaders, only because Kaysone, who was a conspiratorial figure in those days, preferred to maintain a background role, operating from the Pathet Lao's cave base in Sam Neua near the Viernamese border, frequently heavily bombed by US aircraft.

When the war in Laos ended in 1973, the Pather Lao concentrated on consolidated power by eliminating the Vientiane side from an embryo coalition government. This culminated on December 2, 1975, with the abolition of the monarchy. the ousting of opposition coalition leaders, and the appointment of Kaysone as prime minister and Prince Souphanouvong as president.

Kaysone was a burly figure who favoured white suits and dark sunglasses. According to his official piography he loved cock-fighting as a youth and was a keen boxer and exponent of judo. He was acutely security conscious, especially after a third assassination attempt in 1977. For most of his life he strove to eliminate Western influences and forge a more structured society.

In recent years, however, hidowing the changes in eastern Europe, he relaxed controls over the economy and permitted some private enterprise and foreign investment. He had never before tolerated political dissent but had scheduled elections in December for the national assembly, And during the past two years, he allowed the release of most political detainees, including army officers from the pro-Western regime held in labour camps since communist victories in Indochina in 1975. Recently, too, he emphasized his withdrawal from Hanoi's direct orbit

by improving relations with China. Announcing his death. Lao state radio called Kaysone an outstanding, ralented and clear-sighted leader of our party, state and nation," and said his death was "a very great loss for our Lao party, state and people."

Others will never forgive him for

the banishment of King Savang Vanhana, a patron of Buddhism and a patriot who sometimes wep: publicly as the warring factions, backed respectively by North Vietnam and the United States, brought death and destruction to Laos. For years, visitors to the royal

capital at Luang Prabang were shown the king's palace, but embarrassed guides would look away when asked what became of the lung and queen, then say quiedy. The king has gone to the north," a euphemism for death in a re-education camp where the royal family reportedly received linle food or medical care. When he went to France in 1999,

Kaysone was asked at a press conference what had happened to King Sayang, whose fate had been a mystery, for 12 years, "I can tell you the king died of natural causes," he said. "He was very old. It happens to

The king and queen are believed to have died in their detention camp in north east Laos in 1981.

JOSEPH SKEMP

Joseph Bright Skemp. emeritus professor of Greek in the University of Durham, died in Westonsuper-Mare on October 10 aged 82. He was born on May 10, 1910.

GENERATIONS of students of Plato have been introduced to the Platonic dialogue the Statesman through Joe. Skemp's translation (first published in 1952 and repub-lished in Bristol in 1987, with a short reply to opponents on one central issues. Only now, 40 years on, is a serious rival being planned. Skemp was appointed pro-

fessor of Greek at Durham in 1950, after 11 years as a fellow of Gonville and Caius College. Cambridge and short stints at Manchester and what was then King's College, Newcastle, His two main scholarly publications were The Theory of Motion in Plato's Later Dialogues (1942), a study of the physics of the Timacus, and his translation, with long introduction and notes, of the Statesman: for nine years from 1955, he was also co-editor of Phronesis, a specialist periodi-ਵਰੀ in the field of ancient philosophy which still retains

in establishing for it. From a modern perspective. his concerns, and his siyle, are likely to seem old-fashioned. but they rest on hard and durable scholarship. When judging someone's life, said Solon the Athenian, we should "look to the end". Joseph Skemp was one of those rare and happy people the whole of whose lives can be seen to have fined together. Brought up as a Baptist, he always retained

RED MITCHELL

the solid reputation which he

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his faith, and lived as many whether Christians or not might wish to do: thoughtfully, with generosity, and without guile. He was constitutionally incapable of passing off one thing as another.

He liked to talk, in an unhurried, deliberate way, whether the subject was some practical issue, a theological question, or something to do with the interpretation of Greek philosophy. He usually knew where he stood, but like Plato - wanted also to discover reasons for his believing what he did.

His studies into the continuities between Greek and Christian thought tas in his book The Greeks and the Gospel. published in 1964) reflected the real continuity between his academic and his personal life: each was, in part, an extension of the other.

Sadly, his declining health caused him to miss a large international gathering the Third Symposium Platonicum) which took place in Bristol in August, Joseph Skemp was widowed in 1987

PROF A. V. STEPHENS

Professor Veryan Stephens, formerly founder head of the Department of Aeronautical Engineering at The Queen's University of Belfast, died on September 3 in the King

Edward VII hospital in

Midhurst. He was 84.

VERYAN Stephens worked as a scientific officer with the Royal Aircraft Establishment, Farnborough, where he developed a vertical wind tunnel to study the behaviour of the aeroplane in a spin.

Spinning at that time was a highly dangerous manoeuvre that was not fully understood. After Farnborough, he returned to Cambridge to be-

come a fellow of St John's before moving to the University of Sydney where he held the chair of aeronautical engineering. He also became dean of engineering at Sydney. Veryan Stephens was edu-

Cambridge, where he took the mechanical sciences tripos. He joined Queen's in 1956 to found the department of aeronautical engineering. He was Dean of the faculty of engineering from 1961 to 1964 and a vice-president of the university, with special responsibility for buildings.

from 1964 to 1967. During this period, he also served on the UK Aircraft Research Council.

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Red Mitchell, jazz bassist. died in Salem, Oregon. on November 8 aged 65. He was born in New York on September 20. 1927.

ALTHOUGH a New Yorker by birth, Red Mitchell came to prominence in the so-called West Coast" school of jazz which emerged in and around Los Angeles in the early 1950s. Best known, perhaps. for his work with the planist Hampton Hawes, he was a thoughtful technician whose mobile, horn-like phrasing influenced a number of younger

relatively late starter on the double bass. He originally studied piano and continued to play the instrument while studying engineering at Cornell University.

Keith Moore Mitchell was a

His career changed course after he was drafted into the army: while serving in Germany he is said to have bought a bass with 15 carrons of cigarettes.

After returning to civilian life, he played in clubs on 52nd Street in New York absorbing lessons from the musicians around him. For some time he continued to earn a living as a pianist while honing his skills on the bass. At the end of the 1940s Mitchell began touring and recording with Woody Herman's big band. After being

hospitalised with tuberculosis, he returned to active duty with the vibraphonist Red Norvo. In 1954 he joined the popular quartet led by the baritone saxophonist Gerry Mulligan and, following an engage-ment on the West Coast, he

decided to settle in California. The next year he began an acclaimed partnership with Hampton Hawes, a brilliant but wayward pianist who later served five years in prison after being arrested on a heroin charge. Hawes described his first meeting with Mitchell in

his compelling autobiography. Raise Up Off Me. Hawes recalled that he had been told about Mirchell by the owner of one of Los Angeles's leading venues. The Haig: "I drove down there, and the bass player said. I'm Red Mitchell, and I think we might have fun playing together." I said. "Well, let's go in and see," Four bars into "All the Things You Are" I turned to him and said. "I think we're going to

have fun together." Mitchell was present on the classic Hawes recording, the three-volume All Night Session, taped over one night in November 1956. The two men were briefly re-united in the mid-1960s after Hawes was releases from prison, and they were due to go on tour together at the time of Hawes death in 1977.

Mitchell formed his own quartet in 1957, and recorded the album Presenting Red Mitchell. He also worked with Billie Holiday and the young Omette Coleman.

Like so many other West Coast musicians Mitchell was arracted by the steady employment offered by film and television studios. In 1959 he became principal double bass with the MGM studio orchesrra, while continuing to play on the jazz circuit.

By the end of the 1960s. political conditions in America, he moved to Stockholm. working steadily and recording for various European labels.

His albums included LConcentrate On You, a collection of duets with the alto saxophonist Lee Konitz (on which Mitchell also played pianot.

Mitchell formed his own group. Communication, with whom he toured the US. Among the last albums credited to him is A Declaration of Interdependence, a 1988 solo session with overdubbed bass. piano and vocal pans.

BASIL DENNY

Basil Denny, Fleet Street journalist and chief subeditor of the Daily Express for almost 20 years died on November 15 in hospital at

Worthing after a short illness. He was aged 87.

BASIL Denny began to place his stamp on newspapers in the 1930s when he joined the Daily Express from the London Evening News, which at that time was the Oxford. the Cambridge and the Red-brick for qualified sub-editors.

He became chief sub-editor in

the days when office styles banned four-letter words; and when misconduct was the only word allowed in Divorce Court proceedings.

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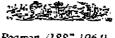
Among the exuberant array of ralent that the Express then boasted. Denny stood out. There was an immaculate touch about him. It showed in his clothes, in his handwriting, in his good manners and in his universally acknowledged ability to shoot a spotless cuff at moments of great crisis.

He was a great teacher of the journalist's craft and after a short separation from the Express, he returned as Revise Editor, an important role in those days: a role made famous by Beachcomber's creation of the character Prodnose.

Denny never achieved publie fame; his job had to do with the essential hard work and devotion required in bringing out an exciting and heartwarming daily newspaper. Robert Pitmon, that dis-

cerning newspaperman and columnist, once wrote: "Flee: Street journalists are not only self-deprecating. They are also far too nice. The prevailing undercurrent in Fleet Street is a soft and lukewarm humility." That may, in these raucous days, sound an odd judgement. But Robert Pitman may have had Basil Denny in mind when he wrote it. Denny retired in 1970. He leaves a widow, his second

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TO THE EDITOR OF THE TIMES. Sir. - May I appeal to your courtesy to give publicity to the following facts? Soon after noon to-day I received a visit from a member of the publishing house of John Lane, which has just

withdrawn from circulation a volume called "The Whispering Gallery," which has attracted a deplorable notoriety both at home and abroad. He informed me that the Diary, as I understand it purports to be, was brought to him by a Mr. Hesketh Pearson, who attributed its authorship to me and professed to be acting as my intermediary with the publishers, who were to give a pleage of inviolable secrecy as to the name and identity of the writer. My visitor desired to know whether, in view of the measures which the firm of John Lane would be obliged to take, he could use

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Hesketh Pearson (1887-1964) author of a number of spirited and successful temperament, went rather too far this

knowledge Mr. Hesketh Pearson.

He then informed me that Mr. inquire. Mr. Pearson further professed RENNELL RODD.

A copy of the volume in question was sent

once taken that it was unterly worthless and should be refused any ponce in The Times. It was, however, exposed with great prominence by other journals, notably by the Daily Mail. and was thereupon withdrawn from circulation by the publishers in the light of Sir-Rennell Rodd's lever, it is of interest to recall that, in sending the volume to The Times for review, the publishers expressed the opinion that it would be "one of the most-talked-of books of the autumn season," and added-We can youch for the authenticity of the



THE TIMES TODAY

Currency upset puts strain on EC

John Major and his senior ministers today embark on a hectic round of shuttle diplomacy in an attempt to salvage some credit for Britain's EC presidency in the run-up to the Edinburgh summit in three weeks' time.

With the European exchange-rate mechanism in turmoil and France threatening to scupper the transatlantic farm deal adding to the Maastricht crisis, the summit promises to be the most strained in the Community's history......Page 2

MPs demand fire money from Queen

As firefighters yesterday kept watch to douse the last dying embers of the blaze at Windsor Castle, the question of who should pay for a restoration that will run into tens of millions of pounds flared into life. Offers of money poured in but some MPs called on the Queen to contribute....

Slow justice

The crisis over an acute shortage of High Court judges, described by the Lord Chief Justice as "scandalous", has deepened, with warnings that the commercial court, estimated to generate £500 million a year, is grinding

Irish change

The leader of the Irish Labour party predicted a decisive breakthrough in this week's general election with gains of at least nine seat. Dick Spring, buoyed by opinion poll findings making him by far the most popular choice as taoiseach, said the political landscape in Ireland was about to change Page 2

Bragg plan

Melvyn Bragg's call for an "arts council of the airwaves", which would issue licence fee money to commercial television stations as well as to the BBC, will be given a lukewarm reception in today's green paper on the future of the corporation Page 5

Commercial pirates

Britain's manufacturing industry has lost an estimated 100.000 jobs because of profits stolen by pirates worth at least £1 billion a year. Local authorities with trading standards departments will be trying to clamp

Echo of Franco

Franco is back. His old guard and young neo-Nazis held their show annual rally on the seventeenth - achievments.

anniversary of his death, in the Plaza Oriente in Madrid in front of the royal palace Page 9 **Turkish hopes**

Suleyman Demirel, the Turkish prime minister, carries his country's campaign for greater integration in Europe to London today where he will have lunch with John Major..... Page 9

Blockade imposed

Nato and Western European Union ships backed by air sea. reconnaissance aircraft and AWAC spy planes clamped a full naval blockade on the rump Yugoslavia in the Adriatic with power to stop and search vessels suspected of breaking the United Nations embargo...... Page 12

Hong Kong fears

China's sustained campaign of threats and propaganda is beginning to dent public support for Chris Patten, the governor of Hong Kong, in his attempt to bring greater democracy to the colony. For the first time since he unveiled his package of constitutional reforms six weeks ago, the public is questioning the wisdom of confronting China ... Page 13

New light

The painstaking progress of Howard Carter over the 32 years between his initial visit to Egypt and the discovery of Tutankhamun's tomb in 1922 is traced in an exhibition at the British Museum which aims to Carter's other

Seven skiers killed by avalanche

Two British students were among seven skiers killed as an avalanche swept down a piste in Europe's highest ski resort. Roderick Arkell, 22, of Tyne and Wear, and Christopher Maxwell, 21, from Bristol, were almost at the end of the black-classified Beranger run in Val Thorens in the French Alps when they were overtaken by tons of wet snow... Page 1



Home front a little Bosnian boy is comforted by his mother after his father left to fight the Serbs on the front near Travnik. Page 12

Anatole Kaletsky: Unless recession

gives way very soon to strong recovery Britain will face a new economic peril: far bigger government deficits than under Labour, in fact, the biggest deficits ever recorded outside Italy....

Evasive action: British Coal has confirmed that it has notified union representatives at all its 50 pits that redundances may be declared at some time in the future at all its 50 pits, including the 19 previously thought safe. It says the action has been taken to comply with employment legislation which requires unions to be notified if there is even the slightest hint of future redundancies...... Page 40

TRANSGERIES

Muddled policy: Government hopes for a "skills revolution" have come too late to help Britain out of recession. Training schemes rushed in to fill the nation's chronic skills gap are dismissed by many experts as shortsighted and unreliable. Gillian Shephard, the employment secretary, believes that there is "indeed a muddle" Page 8

设于一个工作证明 Rallying: Andrew Longmore signs

a sinister piece of paper committing his life into the hands of Colin McRae, potential winner of the Lombard RAC Rally Page 23

Football: Blackburn Rovers moved into third place in the Premier League by drawing 1-1 with lowly .. Page 21

Dressed for laughs: When the news broke that the BBC intended to screen Absolutely Fabulous, fashion PR shuddered. For the past two weeks they have tuned in wondering if this will be the night they see themselves pilloried Page 14

School for parents: Parental participation is a popular theme of the moment. But how are parents supposed to become involved?Page 33

Ladies' seminary: "As a precocious six-year-old, I was the only child in the class to know the meaning of the word 'elliptical'. I had seen The Mikado at my father's school." Susan Elkin gives her view on the Page 33 merits of G & S

Architecture: Marcus Binney previews a show of designs for sacred buildings that will be part of next month's Venice Biennale. Page 29 Opera: Rodney Milnes takes excep-

tion to Peter Brook's abridged re-

working of Debussy's Pelléas et Mélisande in Paris...... Page 29 Dance: John Percival reviews the Royal Ballet's revival of Mayerling, created by Sir Kenneth MacMillan. Will the work of the choreographer receive due attention now that

he is dead?.... Cinema: Geoff Brown welcomes the decision to make Britain a member of Eurimages, a body that assists in funding for international

Je ne regrette rien: "There are no lost causes because there is always something to be done," says Danielle Mittervand, the wife of Francois and the longest-serving première dame in France since the monarchy. Her shy manner conceals a rage against injustice.

Charles Bremner reports.. Page 16

National archetypes: From coffee to painkillers, a study of national archetypes can help to sell products abroad. If the stereotypical Enelishman has a "stiff upper lip", why does he take so many painkill-

ers? Christina Afors is paid £60,000 to answer this and other questions which help companies sell their products.... Page 31 co-productions.

OPINION

The issue of children abducted from Britain is examined in Cutting Edge on Channel 4... Page 39

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House of Windsor

Those blackened halls are not a harbinger of doom. They are not symptoms of national failure. They are not even an interruption of a great British building's life; they are an essential part of it. Just as old forests can renew themselves by fire, so can old castles Page 17

Nuclear climates

As if to illustrate the maxim that nothing in politics is ever finally settled, an argument laid to rest 15 years ago has risen from the grave to haunt ministers. Within the next six months the thermal oxide reprocessing plant (Thorp) at Sellafield is due to begin operations. Before assuming that the 1977 decision is still the right one the government should look againPage 17

Tangle of training

Just as John Patten, the education secretary, has stamped his authority upon the schools service, so he and Gillian Shephard must strive to dear up the current mess in vocational training. This does not mean mimicry of the rigid German system; it does mean firm and unambiguous leadership..... Page 17

THUMS --

BERNARD LEVIN

The disposal society is not just a convenience, it is a drug that we must have ... The wretched pabulum of our throwaway world demands different fare, all unknowing that every time a new dish is served up it is the same as the stuff that it is replacing Page 16

MATTHEW PARRIS

There is a reason why rail services are slow and unreliable on a Sunday, and we do understand BR's difficulty: "Weekend engineering on the line" ... This brings me to my modest proposal, which is a serious one. Why maintain the pretence at all?...

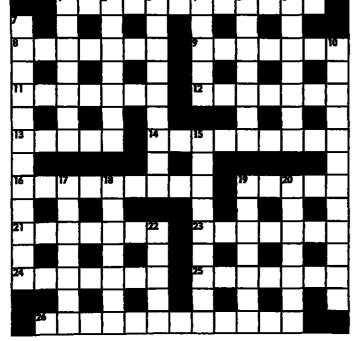
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ACROSS

I Not favouring writing to the unit on call-up (I2). 8 A couple of wingers - the one getting loot ran off. . . (7).

. . and the other disputes (7).

11 He takes a pragmatic attitude where a catalogue is concerned. 12 Bear with male in charge of

family representation (7). 13 A Greek character, rimid and

14 Playing a video can offer escape 16 Alter the siting of the stove at the

back (9). 19 Point to point say (5). 21 Visible percipience (7). 23 Do whatever is needed to main-

24 Tract of grassland left wild (7).

Ф PARKER 🌲 DUOFOLD

The solution of Saturday's Prize Puzzle No 19,082 will appear next Saturday. The 5 winners will receive a Duofold fountain pen supplied by Parker

offensive object (7). 26 Slip in English and French

1 A weapon made of copper lasts anyway (7).

2 There's nothing to it! (7). Studies before school to oblige

4 Popular scene to make an extra page (5).
5 Got browned off when glasses were lifted (7).

6 Some sporting people who never see the way ahead (7). Regal residence a Roman writer finds a trial (5-7).

10 The man on the gate at the cricket match? (6-6). 15 Went beyond the limit - even

port's been ordered (9). 17 Refrain that causes a sailor to colour! (7), 18 The leftist getting a blow in is

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Robin Cook, shadow trade secretary, said the breach of the Iraq embargo went far wider than one for-

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mer minister .

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Benazir Bhutto, the Pakistan's opposition board a train to Islamabad today defying an order banning her from the capital Page 13

areas will have rain and drizzle, most frequent in the north and west, with hill fog. More persistent rain will return to Scotland this morning, spreading south to a line from the South West to the Wash by midnight. Wind southwest fresh, locally strong, reaching

gale force over Northern Ireland and Scotland. Remaining mild



President Fujimori, who has assumed dic-Peru in voting for a new congress which will rewrite the constitution Page 13

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over England and Wales. All

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25th birthday won championship final, and £700,000, with a straight-sets victory over Jim Courier Page 22

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MONDAY NOVEMBER 23 1992



Splendid **Becker**

BORIS Becker celebrated his style by beating Jim Courier. the world No. 1, in straight sets to win the ATP world tennis championship Frankfurt yesterday.

Becker's rewards were a standing ovation from the 9,000 crowd — who had urged him on with a banner in English (left) — and a cheque for \$1 million for his 6-4, 6-3. 7-5 triumph in a match lasting two hours 23 minutes

Becker, pictured right, produced booming serves, return winners, raging volleys and ferocious groundstrokes to capture his fourth title of the



Blackburn Rovers miss chance to close on Norwich City at the top of the Premier League

Monkou shackles silent Shearer

Southampton. Blackburn Rovers 1

BY STUART JONES

THE toast after Alan Shearer's homecoming to The Dell vesterday was to the opponent who marked him out of the

One of the investments purchased from the profits of Shearer's £3.6 million transfer from Southampton to Blackburn Rovers, Ken Monkou. was justifiably voted the man of this Premier League match. Blackburn, who might have climbed into second place. were left five points behind the leaders, Norwich City.

Shearer returned to his former club for the first time as Britain's most expensive player. He was not permitted to display the striking ability that has turned him into the leading scorer in the Premier League this season by a defender who was languishing ir. Chelsea's reserves six months ago.

Monkou was one of the four assets acquired by Ian Branfoot, the Southampton manager. Neither Dixon, Groves or Speedie, the others,

TABLE

were available either through injury, loss of form or internal

sated for the absence of his newly acquired colleagues with a contribution that was flawless. At a fifth of the price of Shearer, he imprisoned the England centre forward with

spell was extended to five games, Dalglish said: "You don't always assess somebody by his ability to score goals. Statistics can be used to suit any argument but, with 17 goals, he has not had a bad

touch that was so evident, and deceptive, earlier in the season. He is essentially more of a creator and a link between defence and attack rather than specifically a poacher.

I've made," he said. "I wouldn't change anything. The goals will start to come again, I'm sure."

Both he and Dalglish also reacted sharply to the speculation linking him with his England colleague, Paul Gascoigne, at Lazio.

Dalglish's response was even blunter. Asked whether he was alarmed about Shearer being touted for a move scarcely four months after joining Blackburn, he replied:
"Nothing surprises you in this game. The most surprising

With Shearer shackled, it was left to one of the most improbable of candidates to claim Blackburn's first Pre-

disagreement.

Monkou, though, compen

Although Shearer's barren

Shearer himself dismissed suggestions that he has lost the

"I m delighted with the start

The first I heard of it was in the papers this morning." Shearer said. "Until I hear anything official, I will ignore

thing is when the truth is told."

mier League goal since they humiliated Norwich City 7-1



Spot the ball: Benali, left, of Southampton, challenges for possession with May, the Blackburn defender, at The Dell yesterday

at the beginning of October. Their equaliser was credited to Kevin Moran.

nowned for his resilience and bravery. Before he scored his first goal of the season, he had been sent over the advertising hoardings by Dowie and had also received treatment for a facial wound accidentally inflicted by the same robust

looped over back Flowers and into the corner of the net. Until then, Southampton

Their captain is more re-

opponent Moran made his contribution half a dozen minutes before the interval. A free kick from Cowans was curled beyond Southampton's defence

to the Irishman, whose header

had threatened to seize the

initiative, largely through the inventive and unpredictable mind of Le Tissier. He put them ahead midway through the first half with a goal from the most direct

route. A dearance from Flowers was nodded on by Dowie and the Channel Islander was through Blackburn's defence. His spectacular finish was both powerful and accurate, unlike the rest of the attempts during a largely grey and featureless fixture. Le Tissier.

twice, and Adams were Southampton's culprits but Blackburn were even more

Ripley and Sherwood missed oppurtunities in the first half and Wegerle, after being brought on scorned another in the second. Yet the most clear opening was fashioned for Sherwood in the closing stages. Significantly, it was designed by Shearer, who for once was able to hold off the muscular attentions of Monkou and roll the ball invitingly across the area. Sherwood's half-hearted effort

was collected by Flowers.

"This is a difficult place to come and get a result."

Dalglish said. "We could have won but we will settle for a point." Asked whether Monkou's performance on Shearer was as restrictive as any defender this season, his reply

was typically concise. "No." he Said.
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Referee: M Bodsrham

Arsenal upstaged, page 25

Sugar opposed, page 40

Wales salutes Campese as genius takes wing

t is entirely fitting that David Campese should have scored the final try in Australia's 23-6 victory over Wales on Saturday. Even if Australia did not deserve so wide a winning margin, it would have been less than we deserved had the match ended without a last memorable glimpse of the wing and his 52nd try in 72 internationals appearances.

Every great sportsman should have an exit worthy of the way he has graced his game. Not that Campese is likely to call it a day just yet, but this will have been his last performance at Cardiff Arms Park. Australia are not due back in Wales for eight years, and it is unthinkable that Campese. 30, will be back for

Although he talked of retirement in 1988 he has come back to play twice more, and according to Bob Dwyer, the Australia coach, not even he can take anything for granted.

He assumes that Campese will be around for a while yet because he has not heard a word about retirement since the World Cup. A periodical statement of intended retirement is almost as familiar a part of the wing's routine as it is for Campese to read his poem before going out to play.

That the nation had expected wonderful deeds from this Welsh team was given expression by the crowd's emotionally-charged rendering of the anthem. Anticipation and a vast well of hope engulfed the stadium: with one mighty leap. Wales would free themselves of their recent shackles. Wales might have contemplated defeat but not of letting Australia into the twenties. which is what Campese's try did.

Campese had had little opportunity throughout the game. He had a run or two but nothing that was remotely promising. He was harried and bundled. There were ironic cheers as he was unceremoniously

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dumped, or his kick to touch skewed adrift. A man needs to be knocked off his perch now and again, they seemed to say. With the referee poised to give a final blast of his whistle, Little's Rayer's head and just behind Proc-tor was regathered by Campese with more than balf the length of the pitch to go. It is not a moment to see Campese at his best, of course. He prefers angles. Campese delights in a different

challenge. Naturally, the biggest joy is that he wants people in front of him to beat. Obstacles are there to overcome; almost to the point that having beaten a man once you are tempted to believe that he might retrace his steps to do so again. There was nobody in front of him

delicate, measured chip over Australians can expect to get apology

DENIS Evans, secretary of the Welsh Rugby Union, yesterday called for better behaviour from supporters and said he planned to apologise to David Campese for an incident as the teams left the field at

Cardiff on Saturday. A spectator attempted to trip up Campese as he jogged off the field through the crowd. Campese rounded on his attacker and heated words

were exchanged. Later he said: "I guess Welsh fans were pretty upset at losing, but you should not show bad sponsmanship. The guy tried to trip me up, so I told him what I thought. Welsh rugby is supposed to be resurgent, so they had better look at things off the

pitch as well as on it." Campese said the Wallabies had been upset after the bad-tempered match at Neath, when a spectator came up behind centre Jason Little. who was signing autographs, and

There has been a growing trend at the Arms Park for Welsh supporters to boo and hiss at visiting goalkickers, and the WRU match announcer came on to the microphone several times on Saturday to remind the crowd of the expected etiquette when Roebuck was prepar-

ing to attempt penalty kicks. Evans said yesterday: "I will be studying a videotape of the alleged incident to try to establish the full facts. After that, I will approach the Australian tour management with a view to speaking to David Campese. This is exactly the kind of behaviour we

want to keep away from rugby." Simon Poidevin, the retired flanker who is in Wales commentating for Channel 10, may be called up to play for the Australians against the Weslh Students at Bridgend tomorrow because David Wilson has been forced out of the tour with a broken

This was going to be the straightest and the most feared line of all; along that narrow corridor which is a wing's familiar domain. inches from the touchline. It is not in fact, a course any wing particularly likes. He has just enough

headway. The line beckons. It looks so easy. But he is given time to ponder: who on earth is behind, he thinks, and how many? And how fast are they It is the outside lane of the

athletics track. A player runs almost blind. He can only look ahead. And it can seem an eternity.

There is no room to manoeuvre. You breathe at your peril on the tightrope. A player can freeze at the prospect. Composure is important. So is keeping form. Another chance was given;

another chance was taken by Campese. He dived over at the Taff End under the north stand. He returned to huge, generous

The player was back on his perch. There were those who stood in recognition of a great talent. They will remember him in the way they will not remember others.

> Champions' style, page 28 Wasps back on top, page 28

Lewis title bout hinges on meeting

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THE chances of Lennox Bowe for the undisputed world heavyweight boxing title were enhanced yesterday by the failure of George Foreman to agree terms with the new champion. As a result, Frank Maloney, Lewis's manager, has been called to a meeting in New York this week with the promoter, Dan Duva, and Bowe's manager. Rock Newman.

Maloney, however, is not confident a deal will be resolved. He will be keeping his options open notismolni from "reliable sources" that the offer for Bowe against Lewis will not be acceptable.

"I take it from my information that they are going to put a silly offer on the table." Maloney said. "I hope that they are not going make my trip across the Atlantic a

Nigel Benn, the WBC middleweight champion, is to have a rematch with Mauro Galvano, whom he heat for the title last month, probably in London in March.

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Courier left with No. 1 ranking as consolation prize from ATP championship

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Becker ends year with happy return to top form

FROM ANDREW LONGMORE, TENNIS CORRESPONDENT IN FRANKFURT

opening set.

intely countered by Becker.

serve badly either. "I put more

pressure on him than he did

Had "Eye of the Tiger" and

not "Happy Birthday" been

the theme tune, the atmo-

sphere in the Festhalle could

not have been more redolent

Courier, dressed in khaki shorts and baseball top, must

have felt more like John

Wayne in Apache country

than Sly Stallone; but he

blazed away merrily for the

two hours and 24 minutes and, in defeat, showed the

resilience that has charac-

terised his rise to the top.

saving five break points in the

eighth game of the final set,

even if he has yet to master the art of losing gracefully.

Just for a moment, towards

the end of the third set, he even threatened a revival as

Becker began to show the

after-effects of a desperately

tight semi-final victory over Ivanisevic. But the "boom

boom" has returned to

Becker's service this week, and

with two big first-service win-

ners he snuffed out the final

threat rather more successfully

than the candles on the cake

which was wheeled on to court

a few minutes later. "When he

is playing well, he just rips every ball," Courier said.

phenomenon" proclaimed a

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a 25-year-old

"Usually they go in "

would not dispute it.

on me," Becker said.

of a world title fight

A CHEQUE for just over £700,000 is a good enough birthday present, even for the man who has everything. But. more important to Boris Becker as he won the ATP championship final with a straight-sets victory over Jim Courier yesterday, was not so much the happy returns which greeted his 25th birthday, but a happy return to the form that made him the most feared

player in the world two years

Though the Australian Open in January will be a better indication of Becker's rehabilitation, his domination over the past month, which has landed titles in Paris and here in Frankfurt, has eclipsed the disappointments and defeats of earlier in the year. Over the past five days. Becker has beaten the world numbers one (Courier), two (Stefan Edberg) and four (Goran Ivanisevic) for the loss of just

"I may be playing better than ever," Becker said after his 6-4, 6-3, 7-5 final victory. "For the moment at least, I feel like I am the No. I player in the world."

For Courier, there is the consolation of being the official No. 1, the result of a near invincible first six months. and of beating Pete Sampras, the world No. 3, in the semifinal. But Courier has not won a title since the French Open in May, and his second nearmiss in this event - he was beaten in last year's final by Sampras — has left him so drained that he said that he did not want to play singles in the Davis Cup final early next

It said much for the expectations of Germany and Becker's renewed zest that the seventh-ranked Becker was the overwhelming favourite to beat the world No. 1. History was on his side, too. Becker had won all five of then matches, four on indoor carpet, his favourite surface.

The sixth victory in a row was never seriously in doubt once Becker had won the first set on a single break in the



Baseline blockade: Seles is at full stretch as she whips back another fierce return in her win over Sabatini

Sabatini's serve lets her down

FROM BARRY WOOD IN NEW YORK

GABRIELA Sabatini showed both the strength of her game and the weakness that may prevent her reaching the No. 1 status she aspires to in the semi-finals of the Virginia Slims championships here vesterday. She was defeated 7-6, 6-1 by

Monica Seles but for the first set showed the greater versatility. While Seles remains content to rally ferociously from the baseline, running her opponents around and simply overpowering them with the ner ground strokes Sabatini has attempted, with some success, to add a net game to her repertoire.

It came into use two years ago and led to her winning the United States Open but has

been in evidence only spasmodically since. However, it was obviously a big part of her strategy both against Seles and against Jennifer Capriati in the quarter-finals.

When she commits herself to attack, few players can match her. Her coverage of the net is remarkable, because her impressive reach, and her ability to volley angled winners from difficult positions was largely responsible for her victory over Capriati. Sabatini does, however,

and that is her serve. She knows it and is working on it, but this flaw in her armour was entirely responsible for her collapse in the second set against Seles. She doublefaulted on four occasions in the first game and twice more to go down 0-3 down as Seles also stepped up the pace in a successful attempt to force more errors.

Enough progress has been made, though, to leave Sabatini convinced that she is going in the right direction. "I'm very satisfied with the whole week," she said. "I felt good, especially at the net, and I am moving much better. I didn't win a Grand Slam this year, but it's been my best year so

Martina Navratilova ended the run of Lori McNeil, winning 7-6, 6-4. It was the quality of McNeil's returns that earned her a break for 3-2 in the first set but Navratilova

raised her game when McNeil served for the set and forced an error which enabled her to level the score at 5-5.

The tie-break went Navratilova's way, after McNeil had served at 5-4, and Navratilova resisted another challenge as McNeil led 2-0 in the second set. But from that stage Navranlova won 14 of the next 15 points. Even so, McNeil fought on

and held a point for 5-5 before Navratilova clinched victory.

"She doesn't create much really good counter-puncher."

Navratilova said.

RESULTS: Singles: Quarter-finals: G
Scheint (Ag) to J Capristi (15), 6-1, 3-6,
4, L McNeil (US) br (Martinez (Sp), 3-6, 63, 6-2, Semi-finals: M Newrationa (US) br McNeil, 7-6, 6-4; M Seles (Yug) bt Sabetini, 7-6, 6-1.

RUGBY LEAGUE

St Helens power through mud to get their revenge

Bradford Northern...... 4

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BY CHRISTOPHER INVINE

AFTER shipping water. St Helens have a firmer hand at the tiller. A safe passage was negotiated through the mud and maynem at a sodden Odsal yesterday to ensure revenge for the home defeat by Bradford Northern three

weeks ago.
That loss was followed by an ignominious upset at bottom-placed Leigh, which prompted much grinding of teeth at Knowsley Road and a closeddoors session for some plain speaking. A clearly revitalised St Helens have buckled down to two wins now, and once more trail Wigan at the top of the Stones Bitter championship on points difference alone.

Now it is Bradford's turn for that sinking feeling. After two: successive defeats, their grip on the title is becoming as tenuous as their hold on possession on the swampy surface yesterday. A miscued dearance kick by Powell and a ball that squirted from the finger tips of Simpson presented St Helens with two of their three tries, but the home side's overall handling of the dreadful conditions was not nearly so adept.

Changes of personnel midway through the first half were also crucial. Deryck Fox is Bradford's linchpin and his departure with strained stomach muscles robbed the home side of the necessary stealth going forward. With Kevin

Ward's arrival in the pack for St Helens came the surging power through the middle ably supported by the highly impressive Joynt and Harrison in the second row.

An unyielding pitch sapped Bradford's strength: On the evidence of their endeavours in the first half, they were unfortunate to be behind 6-4 at the interval, but as Wani wound up his game and gaps began appearing, there seemed little Braiford could do to turn the tide.

Marchant picked up a dropped ball by Griffiths and splashed his way through the puodles for Bradion's only try. Within ten minates, Pow-ell's blandering boot failed to clear a chip through and successful pursuit by Repail

Straightforward goal misse by Summers and Hobbs characterised Bradford's missed opportunities in the second half. St Heleps were far less profligate, and when Ropati hacked on Ward nass. Soffwan followed up to score from Simpson's resultant fumble behind his own

The only score, not arising from an error came when Cooper and Griffiths burst into space to create a try for Connolly, who slid two yards over the Bradford line.

SCORERS: Brackert Northern: Try:
Marchard, St. Heisens: Tries: Ropel, Selsvert, Connoily, Goels: Lyon (2).
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Cordie, S. McGower, N. Surritues, T.
Marchant; D. Welson, D. For Jack: T.
Anderson; P. Powel, T. Clark, J. Harse, P.
Medley (Buth: D. Habbs), K. Farbers, D.
Heron.
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ST HELENS: D Lyon; A Hunte, G Connol
J McCracken; A Suthers. T Ropet.
Griffens; J Neile gato: K Ward), A Chome
G Mann, J Hemson; C Joyni, S Cooper.
Referee: J Connoley.

Wigan avert upset

WIGAN staged a dramatic recovery at Salford yesterday to win 26-18 and stay on top of the Stones Bitter cham-

Salford led 12-0 after ten minutes, with tries from Blease and Bradshaw. Blakeley converted both against his former club. Wigan trailed 12-8 at half-

time after Botica kicked a penalty when Blease was penalised for a high tackle and Bell rounded Gibson to score. with Botica conventing.

gave Wigan a 20-12 lead, but a Gilfallan try. converted by Blakeley, reduced the deficit to two points. Bens sealed the win with a late try, for Botica to land his fifth goal.

three minutes from time saved Leeds from an eighth successive away defeat against Leigh Gallagher failed to convert and Tanner missed a difficult last-minute penalty chance to leave it at 12-12.

A breakaway try by Gibson

Warrington scored four tries to three at Thrum Hall but Bishop scored four goals and a dropped goal to gt. Halifax home 21-20. Shelfield Eagles overcame a fourminute spell from Widnes in the first half that produced two Goulding and Spruce and gave Sheffield a 32-30 home

Castleford were made to fight hard by Hull Kingston Rovers before winning 8-2.

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GOLF

PGA victory puts Parry in mood to claim Open

Sydney: Craig Parry won the Australian PGA championship by three strokes here yesterday and set his sights on the Australian Open, starting on Thursday.

Parry overcame a bad start to shoot a three-under-par final round of 68 for a 15under-par total of 269 on his neighbourhood course at Con-The Queenslander, Peter McWhinney, pushed Parry for the lead for much of the round before finishing second after a 71.

McWhinney was one clear of Mike Harwood, who followed his course record of 61

Davis shares

second place

Junko Yasui, whose opening

66 gave her a substantial lead, had a final round of 70, two

under par. to win the Daio

Seishi Elleair women's open

golf tournament in Saitacho,

shots clear of Laura Davies, of

Great Britain, Tomiko Ike-

buchi and Miyuki Shima-

bukuro, of Japan, who shared

☐ Denmark, represented by Hillerod, had four shors to

spare in winning the Euro-

pean Club Cup, at La Quinta, Spain, with Bristol and Clifton

taking third place for England

and Kilmarnock Barassie fin-

Rugby league: A first tour of

South Africa by a multi-racial

English team is being

organised for next summer by

Peter Roe, Keighley's coach,

who has been approached by the South African Rugby

League to assemble a squad

for a six-match visit.

ishing fourth for Scotland.

Inaugural tour

Yasui finished on 207, six

Japan, by six strokes.

second place.

Sale agreed

Baseball: Bob Lurie, the own-

er of San Francisco Giants,

and a group of investors, have

agreed to sell the team for £66

million. The deal will keep the

team in San Francisco but

Against the odds

beat Alessandro Cominnotti,

Tennis: Chris Wilkinson, of

Great Britain, won the first

challenger event of his career

by bearing Roger Smith, of the

Bahamas, 6-3, 6-1 in Kuala

Yachting: A crew from Syd-

ney's Royal Prince Alfred

yacht dub won the world

youth match-racing regatta in

Auckland, beating a British

Royal Yachting Association

6-5. 5-2 to take the title.

Broken duck

Lumpur vesterday.

Alfred the great

SPORT IN BRIEF

another Australian, Bradley Hughes, who had a final round of 68. Harwood's thirdround score broke the course record by three shots.

Parry began the last round sharing the lead with Harwood and McWhinney, but stumbled with two early bogeys before putting together six birdies for the loss of only one further shot at the 11th. Parry said he had uncovered some course secrets during practice rounds at The

Lakes, the venue for the Open, the one big title to chude him

YACHTING

Nuclear Electric charges further ahead

tina but, in terms of distance to

JOHN Chittenden and his crew on Nuclear Electric have continued to extend their lead over the British Steel Challenge round-the-world race

fleet during the past 48 hours. Chittenden has pulled a further 80 miles ahead of his closest rivals. Rhone-Poulenc. and is now well south of the River Plate and within a thousand miles of Cape Horn. The battle for second place is hotly contested, with four

yachts chasing Rhone-Poulenc almost line abreast down the South American coast. They are spread between 180 and 360 miles off Argen-

FROM BARRY PICKTHALL IN PUNTA ARENAS, CHILE Cape Horn, the difference is a mere 16 miles.

The Nuclear Electric crew has enjoyed more favourable winds for the past six days but, during the weekend. Heath Insured, skippered by Adrian Donovan, moved out to follow their extreme easterly track. It is now the second most

southerly yacht within this ten-Richard Merriweather and his crew on Commercial Union have made the biggest

after making a 332-mile run

leap up the leaderboard, climbing from ninth to fourth

during the 48 hours up to 1500 GMT yesterday. They have closed to within two miles of Coopers & Lybrand, which is skippered by Vivien Cherry.

Hofbrau Lager has dropped from third to fifth position and British Steel II, the first-leg winner, is now languishing in

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LEADING POSITIONS (at 16:00 GMT yesterday, with rides to Hobart): 1, Nuclear Electric (J Chiterden), 8,544 mis; 2, Phone-Poulanc (P Philips), 8,670; 3, Coopers & Lybrand (V Cheny), 8,675; 4, Commercial Unson (R Memweather), 6,677; 5, Hothrau Lager (P Goss), 6,884; 8, Heath Insured (A Donovan), 6,688; 7, Intersprey (P Jeffes), 6,898, 8, Pricis of Teessicle (I MesCaliblyay), 6,777; 9, Shissh Steel # (R Tudon), 6,707; 10, Group 4 Secuntas (M Golding), 8,899.

Resulta compiled by British Telecom

☐ Sparkling weather blessed the start of the Vendée Globe solo round-the-world race. Fourteen 60ft yachts crossed the line off Les Sables d'Olonne on the west coast of

France. Right up until yesterday morning, there had been hopes that Mike Plant, the American yachtsman aboard Coyote, might appear at Les Sables. There has been weeks of radio silence during his crossing from the United

Plant is presumed missing and the search for his boat will

Hounslow put the home

Stones Bitter Championship Brackford: Try: Marchant. St. Hellers: Tries: Sulfven, Connolly, Ropell. Goele: Lyon (2). Att. 7,320. SECOND DIVISION: Brantey 18, Carloss 18; Festherstone 18, Pochdele & London Crusadors 20, Swinson 6, Olchem 5, Huddersfield 17 21 WARRINGTON 20 Haliter: Tries: Southernwood, Preston, Cooper. Goele: Beltop. (1). Dropped goet: Beltop. Warrington: Tries: Mann, Balamen, Senderson, Tees. Goele: Thomiley (2). Att-2 CASTLEFORD Holf KR: Goal: M Fisicher, Castletord: Try: Smith. Goals: Crooks (2) Att. 3,172. 12 LEEDS 12 THIRD DIVISION: Serrow 4, Ryschie York 22: Hunstet 17, Batley 14; Keighley 44. Highfield 10; Workington 68, Notangham 0. Postponed: Blackpool v Chorley, Dass-bury v Doncaster. SALFORD 18 WIGAN Persepa, Betts. Goslar. Goslar. (3]. Att. 7,683. SHIEFFIELD 32 WIDNES 30 SHIEFFIELD 32 WIDNES 30 Sheffield: There Carr (2, Laughton, Broadbert, Persex Goslar, Aston (8). Widnes: These Curter (2), Goulding, Syrea, Spruce. Goslar. Curter (2), Goulding, Aston (8). Widnes: These Curter (2), Goulding, Ast, 3,610. P W D L F A Pts. Wigen 9 8 0 1 240 32 119 16 Striffen 10 8 0 2 223 119 16 Bradford 10 7 0 3 236 144 14 Casteland 10 7 0 3 236 144 14 Casteland 10 6 0 4 209 170 12 Satisfied 10 6 0 4 165 210 12 Satisfied 10 5 0 5 165 219 10 Hull 10 5 0 5 142 203 10

HOCKEY

Thompson's miss proves costly

Old Loughtonians1 Hounslow.

By Sydney Friskin

must be approved by Major League Baseball. HOUNSLOW pulled themselves out of a tight corner yesterday to defeat Old Loughtonians and deprive Fencing: Despite providing seven quarter-finalists. Italy them of their unbeaten record were denied the Eden Cup at in the Pizza Express National Crystal Palace when Tobias Darnstadt, 19, of Germany, League.

brilliantly in the first half, could still have saved the day if they had converted a late penalty stroke. The frustrated marksman was Nick Thompson, their

Loughtonians, who played

leading scorer, who deprived himself of his tenth goal this season by putting his shot over the top. The first thrill was provided by Hounslow in the fourth minute, when a shot by Crutchley from Gordon's centre rebounded back off a

A lively pace kept both goalkeepers busy. Barrow rescued Hounslow by saving from Nick Thompson and

Thompson. Seaton made another save

Gladman cutting through from a difficult angle. Gladman was immediately

taken off and replaced by Donnelly, who was equally lively on the left wing. He set up a chance for Krishman, which produced a goal-saving

STOURPORT took over the leadership of the Pizza Express National League after a hectic weekend in which they drew 2-2 yesterday with East Grinstead and defeated Teddington 2-0 on Saturday

Bhatti's Grinstead from a short corner was answered by goals from Knott but Lee saved East Grinstead by converting a stop from the ever-alert ley's shot was deflected into the Barrow. The second half was dominated by Hounslow, who

demonstrated superior communication between attack and defence. They were quickly into their stride, forcing two quick short corners and converting the

follow-up from Gordon's shot. Ten minutes later, Hacker set off at great speed to earn Hounslow their fifth short corner, from which Crutch-

Stourport looking good

(Sydney Friskin writes). In yesterday's match hatti's goal for East side under increasing pres-sure, which was only relieved in the 64th minute when Halls broke free to earn a penalty stroke after he had

been brought down by Bolland. Nick Thompson failed to second. Hacker scored on the score but there was still time for another chance for Loughtonians in the final minute.

Krishman released a fierce shot but Barrow was again able to make the save. Earlier in the day, a plaque was unveiled in the pavilion by Fatima Whithread, the former world javelin record-holder, to mark the official opening of

> They were built with the aid of grants from the Sports Council and Foundation for Sport and the Arts. OLD LOUGHTONIANS: A Seaton; J Halls, I Morrison, S. Ashton, D. Allen, N. Barker, C. Histor; C. Gladman, A. Philipol, N. Thomp-son, P. Krishman

two floodlit synthetic pitches.

MOUNISLOW: J Barrow, S Hodson, P Bolland, M Wilderson, J Potter, G Swayne, N Gordon, D Hacker, R Thompson, J Ress, R Gutchley.

Cullen strikes twice to floor Sutton Coldfield

BY ALIX RAMSAY

IPSWICH maintained their one-point lead in the women's national hockey league with a straightforward 3-1 defeat of Chelmsford on Saturday, while Slough edged up one place into third by beating

Leicester 2-0. However, with just one game left before the Christmas break, they are still three points behind the leaders with a lot of work to do if they are to claim their fourth champion-

ship title. As for the first division's usual fall guis, Wimbledon and Clifton are comfortably placed in mid-table and for once have few wornes about what the rest of the season will

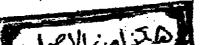
Only Sutton Coldfield are following their usual pattern. Every year the Midlands team . promises so much on paper but invariably loses its way as the season progresses. Satur-

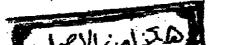
dominated most of the first half but ended the day 2-0 losers, severely denting their chances of keeping pace with the leaders.

Hightown's goalkeeper. Carolyn Reid, and their sweeper, Jackie Crook, dealt with the early pressure as Sutton pushed forward to win half-a-dozen penalty corners. failing to find the net with any of them. If Sutton needed advice on

goal-scoring, they only had to look to Tina Cullen. She sealed the three points for Hightown with a goal in each half, the second coming from a well-worked free hit. Culien touched in a Linda Carr drive to leave the Liverpool club just

one point behind Ipswich. The second division is proving a much tighter struggle, with only goal difference separating the top four clubs.
Trojans dropped two points in goalless draw





blocked a shot from Robert

at close quarters from Gordon before Loughtonians took the lead in the 21st minute, from Barker's pass to score

short corner in the 65th minute. The Stourport defender. Mark Harradine, was dismissed for a dangerous Southgate moved into sec-

ond place on goal difference after a 7-0 win over Canterbury. Welch and Castenskiold scoring three goals each. Don Williams scored three times for Havant the title bolders whose 4-1 victory over St Albans kept them in the hunt.

AGUE



Driving force puts McRae out in front of the pack

The ritual of the last-minute signature can prove unset-tling. The piece of paper thrust forward moments before departure reads roughly: "I, the undersigned, agree to put my life into the hands of Colin McRae, potential British winner of the Lombard RAC Rally, for the next three minutes and absolve anyone of any responsibility for anything. This is my own stupid fault."

CH Up

Encased in fireproof overalls and helmet, there is no way out. The undersigned signs, aware that just a few minutes earlier he had been laughing nervously at lurid tales of the road narrated by McRae's regular partner, Derek Ringer.
"I wouldn't say Colin was wild.

He drives on the limit all the time and sometimes it is easy to fall: On the 1,000 Lakes Rally in

Finland this year, the phrase had become a little too literal even for the hardy Ringer's liking. After one spectacular crash, involving a toeloop and several triple salchow, Ringer had been reaching for the door handle and safety at exactly the moment McRae hit the starter button. "I didn't think that was a very good idea becanse I was sure we had no wheels left," Ringer said. But, by the instinct which has propelled him into realms of rallying traditionally inhabited only by Finns and Swedes, McRae had just one thought. And it was not self-preservation. The car was the right way up and the clock was still running.

Over the next three days of the RAC Rally, which began yester-day. McRae, from Lanack, in Scotland, will not be able to afford any such slips if he is to fulfil a quest that has become as obses-sive, and proved as fruitless, as Britain's search for a Wimbledon champion.

Not since Roger Clark flung his battered Escort to victory in 1976 has there been a home champion, but the dedicated millions who don bobble hats and go down to the woods every November sense that the 24-year-old Scot might be the answer to their longings. McRae led the rally briefly last year for his Rothmans Subaru team and will be all the wiser for the experience this time. At least, that is theory.

There have been a host of good British rally drivers in recent years, but, either through lack of financial support or lack of real talent, they have not graduated to world class. McRae is different. has been ever since he was first able to reach the pedals of a motor car at the age of ten. He found the accelerator first, the joke goes,

and is still looking for the brake. But what marks him out from the pack is his speed. Pure, natural, in-bred speed, the raw material from which world champions can be fashioned. "You can have all the other qualities to be a world champion, but it is speed which sorts out the superstar from the good driver." Ari Vatanen. McRae's Subaru team-mate, says. "With due respect even to Roger Clark and Paddy Hopkirk, Colin is on the next level up. He is like some of the great Finnish drivers, head and shoulders above the rest. and the British have not had anyone in that class for a long

Andrew Longmore straps himself in beside the driver putting his foot down in a quest to become Britain's first winner of the Lombard RAC Rally since 1976

time. This guy could break the mould." If he does not break everything else first.

Vatanen, world champion in 1981, has only to cast his mind back to his own reckless, or wreckful, youth to find a comparison. "Yes, he is very much like me

young, you don't know what the word 'risk' means. I just hope he learns about it in the gentle way, like losing a rally when he is leading, not in a bad way like I did," Vatanen says.

A bad way. A harmless phrase to describe the two years of physical when I was that young I can't and mental torture which "I know the meaning of risk," help but think it. When you are Vatanen endured after a terrible McRae, who is unmarried, says.

accident in Argentina in 1985. Vatanen, now 40 and a farmer in Provence when he is not rallying, is a living reminder of the fine line between risk and danger, sense and stopidity, life and death, which many think McRae has not yet appreciated.

Sainz soon slips clear of the field

By Stephen Slater

CARLOS Sainz, of Spain, continued his drive for the world rally championship yesterday, delying treacherous conditions as he outpaced his rivals over the nine special stages on the first day of the Lombard RAC Rally.

Sainz, driving a Toyota, needs to finish ahead of the champion, Juha Kankkunen, and his Lancia colleague, Didier Auriol, to reclaim the title, but on the slippery spectactor stages the Italian team countered Sainz's aggressive style with caution. Kankkunen set one fastest stage time, but he settled for fourth place and Auriol seventh as the British drivers, Colin McRae and Malcolm Wilson, took over pursuit of the Spaniard.

It was McRae who took up the initial chase, setting the second fastest time in the early stages as he hurled his Subaru Legacy along, but eventually the conditions got the better of even him and he spun off the fourth special stage at Donington Park. McRae rejoined in seventh position, but another, heavier accident at Chumber Park near Worksop cost him a further

As McRae fought back to regain third place by the overnight halt, the pursuit of Sainz was taken up by Wilson in his pacy Ford Sierra Cosworth. Wilson set the fastest time on the third stage of the day, at Sutton Park, and moved up to second place, but a late charge moved Biasion, his Italian team colleague, ahead.

Despite the weather, tens of thousands of spectators turned out to watch the action and, unusually. stayed to see the last of the 158 starters. The car is a tiny 600cc Trabant, driven by Michael Kahlfuss from Magdeburg in what was formerly East Germany.

Despite mastering only a tenth of the horsepower of the leading contenders, Kahlfuss was set to complete the day in 145th place, passing 11 cars and winning many admirers on the way.

LEADING POSTIONS (after ninth stage).

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Subaru, 4723.

WHERE TO WATCH: 0500: Depart, Chester.
The 254-mile loop through Wales is likely to be extremely fast. Takes in nine special stages, including the Welsh Forest classics.

0858: Special stage 12, Hafren. A fast-flowing 15-mile stretch, with hampins and deceptive commer. 15-mile stretch, with hampins and deceptive comers.

1445: Special stages 16 and 17, Penmachno South. Two stages in the Penmachno Forest offering a miduse of last road, steep fille, tight hampins and learsome drope.

1646: Special stage 19, Clocaenog. The only special stage in Clocaenog Forest leatures fast and heaty roads.

1622: Overright halt, Chestier: Free admission to the finish in Eastgete.

had little opportunity to become anything other than a rally driver. His father, Jimmy, gave up the family heating and plumbing business for professional rallydriving at the age of 30 and one of Colin's younger brothers, Alister, is also on the RAC, driving a Ford

Sierra in Group N. "He never needed any encouragement," Jim-my McRae says. "He grew up around cars and bikes from knee-Colin began in motocross and graduated quickly to four wheels. roughly equal measure, but the grapevine was already alive to the

promise and last year, Dave Richards, who as Vatanen's codriver in the glory days should know a young Vatanen when he sees one, signed McRae to drive a Subaru Legacy prepared by his own company, Prodrive. McRae responded by dominating the British rally championship and leaping the gap between national

The question is just how much of

a risk can you take. I don't go steaming down roads blind, but

when you are so close to the limit

the whole time, it is very easy to get on the wrong side of it."

What, though, about his reput-

ation as the wild man of the

woods? "My driving has matured

quite a lot over the past few years. I am sitting back and thinking about it more, not going at 110

per cent the whole time. It used to

be like that, but you learn to

control speed and think about

what you're doing," McRae says.

From his earliest days, McRae

Rally, fourth in the Acropolis. And so to our rendezvous in a

Northamptonshire forest just days before the start of the RAC Rally. A mere three minutes of slipping and stiding as McRae heads unerringly for every rut in the mud track, every weak spot in his passenger's bravado. His right hand flicks constantly between wheel and gearbox, his feet play on brake and accelerator, but the control is effortless, the harmony of car and driver mesmeric, like ballroom dancers.

He has time to commentate. "You need to unbalance the car before each corner or it would just go straight on. Foot on the accelerator all the time. Try to be as smooth as possible . .

After surviving what the drivers term the early "Mickey Mouse" stages, organised mainly for the benefit of the public, McRae has another three days - and 25 special stages — to negotiate. He was third after nine stages yesterday, despite spinning off twice, the second, at Clumber Park, costing him 13 minutes. "My pace notes said flat out left, it tightening left and right, with a braking point at a shed. Unfortunately they removed the shed, so I went straight into the straw bales," he said.

Vatanen, who quite fancies his own chances of victory, rates his team-mate's as just less than 50-50. McRae himself is equally realistic. "Everything will have to go so smoothly. If things go wrong, these guys will be waiting to pounce. I've got the speed, they've got the experience."

SWIMMING

Foster hits form in semi-final

MARK Foster capped his victory on Saturday in the 50 metres butterfly with a Commonwealth record of 21.99sec in the 50 metres freestyle at the second European sprint championships at Espoo, Helsinki, last night (Craig Lord

Though the time, set in the semi-final, was the fastest of the day, Foster could not match his effort in the final and finished third. The race was won by Yuri Vlasov, of Ukraine, in 22.06sec. Foster, 22, reserved com-

ment about his own performances until after he had praised the Finnish event, which witnessed five world records. "I've never competed at a sprint event of this quality." he said. "It's great to see so many records go."

Foster contributed to that

process on Saturday, when he set a Commonwealth record of 23.89sec to become the European short-course butterfly champion. He was awarded the title after Jan Karkson, of Sweden, who had set a world record of 23.80sec in the semifinal, was disqualified at the end of the final for a second false start.

Karlsson was the most frequent name on the list of world records set, with Louise, no relation of Jan but also of Sweden, claiming two, the 50 metres breaststroke and 100 metres medley.

Germany won the most medals withfour gold, six silver and four bronze.

CRICKET: SHASTRI AND JADEJA FIND FORM ON EVE OF SECOND TEST MATCH

Morale boost for Indians

FROM RICHARD STREETON IN BLOEMFONTEIN

the covers, as they batted 48 overs together. For Shastri, it

was his first lengthy innings of the tour. He took his time to

find his touch, but before he

GROWING anxiety among the Indians at their repeated failure to get a good start was dispersed yesterday when Shastri and Jadeja put on 130 for their first wicket against the South African Invitation XI here.

It brought a timely boost to

the touring team's morale in their last game before the second Test match, which begins in Johannesburg on Thursday. Ten starts in all games in Zimbabwe and South Africa

on the tour have provided a previous highest opening part-nership of only 39. The middle order strokemakers have been left to build the foundation, not always successfully. This time it was different as

the touring team dominated the third day of the match. which ends today. By the close, the Indians

were 257 runs ahead, with six

lifted a catch to short extra cover, he was approaching his best form. Shastri's experience and his left-arm spin always made him a certainty for the Test match, but Jadeja was playing to keep his place. Jadega was 30 when he survived a chance to second slip against Mat-

thews, but otherwise looked

completely sound. The left-handed Raman, the other candidate to open, failed for the second time in the match. Snell hinted that he was

regaining some of his hostility as he dismissed both Jadega

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and Raman. Jadega got one that lifted and was caught second-innings wickets in Shastri and Jadeja each hit eight fours, mostly through behind by Badat, who has had an excellent first-class debut Raman was leg before against a ball which cut back into him. Manjrekar and Amre

joined forces in an attractive stand of 54 for the fourth wicket before Amre lofted a catch to backward square leg. Earlier, the Indians quickly

ended their opponents first innings when Prabhakar. their best bowler, took a fourth wicket. Rushmere made a solid 75, but otherwise the Indian bowlets were in

control.

Delhi: Swaroop Kishen, the Indian umpire, has died at the age of 62. A colourful personality, Kishen was the only umpire to have been honoured with the Padmashri, one of India's highest civilian awards. He officiated in 17 Tests, an Indian record. after making his debut in 1978-9 against West Indies, and was universally respected by players who knew how tough he could be, and how impartial.

He once threatened a team engaging in delaying tactics when Sunii Gayaskar was on the verge of his 29th Test century that they would make history by conceding the game

Off the field, the income tax officer was always relaxed, content that the portly figure which did not prevent him from cycling to the cricket ground, was an advantage. He thought it gave him a personality that commanded

Simmons inspires a fighting recovery

Sydney: The opening batsman, Phil Simmons, hit his second century of the tour as the West Indians struggled to avoid defeat by New South Wales here yesterday.

After being dismissed for 183 in their first innings, they were forced to follow on and finished the third day of the four-day match at 225 for three, still 65 runs in arrears.

Simmons followed his 106 against an Australian XI in Hobart last week with a fine attacking innings. He hit 17 fours and a six in 109 before being caught behind off the bowling of Phil Alley. His spirited attack on the bowlers provided the towning team with much-needed encouragement after their earlier

capitulation.
"We didn't bat very well in the first innings but the approach in the second was very heartening," the West Indies manager. David Holford. Simmons shared in a stand

of 168 for the second wicket in better than even time with his captain, Richie Richardson, who contributed 75 of the runs after the early loss of Brian Lara. Mark Waugh won the ad-

miration of friend and foe alike with his unbeaten 200 in the New South Wales total of 473 for five. Waugh, who resumed on Saturday at 121. survived chances at 122 and 167 before completing the fifth double-century of his career and the highest score made by a New South Wales player against the West Indies.

"Currly Ambrose came over at the end, shook my hand and said well batted"." Waugh said: "They are a pretty good attack and to get 200 against them on any wicket in any sort of match is a

milestone. Waugh needed a big score after a disappointing tour of Sri Lanka, in which he failed to score in four successive innines.

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R B Richardson c S R Waugh
b Matthews

and international class which had claimed so many before. He

Hall assured in defeat

BADMINTON

DARREN Hall, the England No. I, lost his Scottish open title in the semi-finals in Glasgow on Saturday, but did enough to support his contention that he can still do well in the world grand prix finals in Kuala Lumpur next month (Richard Eaton writes). Hall lost 15-8, 15-10 to

Pontus Jantti, of Finland, but had already acquired enough points in this, the last grand prix tournament of the year, to snatch the last of the 16 places for Malaysia.

Jantti is notably durable, while Hall nearly withdrew from the tournament with the

enough about his movement and demeanour, however, to suggest that the form that earned him the Danish open title with a win over Poul-Erik Hover, the European champion, could soon be recaptured. Lim Xisoqing, who quit

after-effects of flu. There was

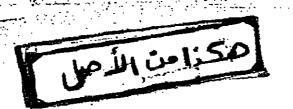
Peking for Stockholm after the Tiananmen Square riots, retained the women's singles title, beating her Swedish compatriot. Christine Magnusson, 11-9, 11-2 in the final yesterday. The victory ensured Lim's qualification for the grand prix finals in

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Oldham

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as United

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By Peter Ball

THERE is nothing like an unhappy company AGM to concentrate the minds, and Manchester United's players did their bit to stave off the shareholders' revolt in the best

way possible with their biggest

win of the season against Oldham Athletic on Saturday.

The game was as good as over in the first half hour as

McClair, Hughes and

McClair again punished Old-ham's leaky defence to end

United's run of 12 games

The goals could not have

come at a better time as

Ferguson's search for a for-

ward, unsuccessful in Shef-

field, was rebuffed in Milan as well. Internazionale insisted

that the outstanding Yugoslav

international, Darko Pancey,

who came on as a substitute in

the Milan derby yesterday,

Surprisingly, United's first league win for two months

eaves them only five points

behind Arsenal, and one be-

hind Chelsea and their neigh-

bours. Manchester City. City

achieved the result of the day,

coming back to win at Coven-

ing up to the Premier League

made no difference to his

goalscoring habits, claiming both Coventry's goals on his

debut on loan from Newcastle United, but it was his name-

sake, Niall, who finished the happier, scoring along with Sheron and Curie.

There was an unhappy end

to an unhappy week for Vianie Jones. Defended as "easily

led" by Lee Chapman on

Radio Five before the match.

Vinnie went out as if deter-

mined to prove his critics right, a wild lunge earning

him a booking as Middles

brough ended their own bar-

ren spell of eight games without a win at Wimbledon's

☐ Representatives of professional footballers throughout

Europe are to meet today to

draw up tactics to oppose plans that would sweep away

restrictions on the number of

foreign imports. The Profes-

sional Footballers' Association

chief executive. Gordon Tav-

lor, and his European counter-

parts are meeting in Milan to

discuss Fifa's intention to

modify its rules on the signing

Mickey Quinn found mov-

try City after trailing 2-0.

without a win.

was not for sale.

Charlton fail to exploit mistakes

Wolves move into promotion pack as Roberts strikes

Wolverhampton W 2 Charlton Athletic.

By Louise Taylor

WOLVERHAMPTON Wanderers moved to sixth place in the first division at Molineux yesterday, but it is difficult to envisage them as serious promotion candidates. An unrefined approach based on propelling the ball to Steve Bull and his fellow forwards may bully sides into submission at this level, but it is hard to imagine leading teams surrendering so easily.

The Wolves rearguard is not up to scratch either, but these nervous Wanderers are, at least, marginally better than Charlton, who have won only one of their last eight games.

Pre-match entertainment consisted of a Steve Bull lookalike contest. The former England striker was given the task of selecting a closecropped clone who will doubtless dine out on the honour for years to come. But Bull has been carrying an Achilles injury this season and has scored only eight goals. Hard as he tried yesterday there was no

THE importance of Julian

Dicks to West Ham United was highlighted by the two

goals he scored in the 5-3 win

against Oxford United at Up-

Back from a five-match

suspension, which had coin-

cided with a dip in West

Ham's first division form,

Dicks came in for lavish praise

from his relieved manager,

Billy Bonds. "Julian has a left

foot like a hammer. His goals

made all the difference,"

Bonds said. "We should have

lost and would have done

manager, whose side recently

drew 5-5 with Portsmouth

said: "We are the most enter-

taining side in the division.

This is what the supporters

No prizes for guessing the

identity of the division's form

team. Grimsby Town made it

six wins in their last seven

Brian Horton, the Oxford

without Julian."

want to see

ton Park on Saturday.

disguising the fact that Tipton's favourite son looks a shadow of his former self.

He did, however, almost claim a ninth goal within 20 seconds, forcing a fine save from Bolder with a speculative long-range shot. That was the cue for a string of missed chances - Bull missing two of the variety he would once have taken - as two often negligent defences ensured that both goalkeepers were put through their paces. Wolves took a 28th-minute

lead through Mark Burke, who was allowed time to count the crowd before shooting home after Charlton's defence inexcusably failed to cut out Dennison's cross and Bolder remained rooted to his line. Wolves should have extended their lead, but a header from Roberts, a former roller blind salesman and door-fitter who partners Bull up front, was foiled by Bolder's save.

It stung Charlton into action and they equalised after 40 minutes when Minto's centre was superbly headed home by Burnstead. Once again, though, the Wolves defence had been guilty of a

Dicks celebrates his return

By Louise Taylor

Brentford. Their improved form has coincided with the

period Dave Beasant has

spent on loan in the Blundell

Park goal. Beasant goes back

to Chelsea this week and it will

be interesting to see how Grimsby do without him.

points clear at the top courtesy

of a 2-0 win against Watford

at a snowy St James' Park,

where Robert Lee scored his

first goal since a £700,000

move from Charlton Athletic.

and Gavin Peacock registered

Bristol Rovers stay bottom

despite a 1-1 draw at Peter-

borough United where Rovers

looked to be benefiting from

the coaching of Malcolm Alli-

son but had to rely on a

nintieth-minute equaliser

Guy Whittingham, the divi-

sion's leading scorer, claimed

season as Portsmouth over-

from Carl Saunders

his eleventh of the season.

Newcastle United are 11

in the 47th minute, meeting Birch's cross to score via the far post. Wolves almost put the issue beyond doubt when Burke hit the bar from 35 yards, but even at 2-1 up they still looked wobbly.

With Charlton threatening to score the next goal. Nelson. their most dangerous forward. needlessly got himself sent off in the seventieth minute for comments made to a linesman after Mountfield had fouled

Despite being a man short, Charlton continued to look like pinching a point as home anxiety grew.

Resembling a giant

Meccano set at present, the new Billy Wright stand is rising along one side of Molineux. It is due for com-Wolves should have a ground as good as most in the top flight. Whether they will have a Premier League team is far less certain.

LESS CETTRITI.

WOLVERHAMMPTON WANDERERS: P
Jones: K Ashley, P Edwards, M Burke, D
Mountfleid, P Blades, P Birch, P Cook, S
Bull, D Roberts, R Dennison,
CHARLITON ATHLETIC: R Bolder: S
Balmer, S Minto, A Pendew, S Webster, D
Pitcher, J Robinson (sub: K Grant), J
Burnstead, C Leabum, G Nelson, A Oyer.
Referers: R Gifford

Rovers by 4-0 at Fratton Park.

A 2-2 draw at Bristol City ensured that Swindon Town

stayed second but they lost Glenn Hoddle, their player-

manager, who limped off with

a calf injury that will necessi-tate a check from a specialist

Derby County would wel-

come advice about how to win

at home. Sunderland, with a

1-0 win, became the fifth team

to win at the Baseball Ground

in County's past seven home

fixtures. Not the form expect-

ed from a £10 million team.

☐ Fighting among supporters

before the Italian league

match between the city rivals,

Torino and Juventus, left at

least a dozen people injured.

Six policemen and at least

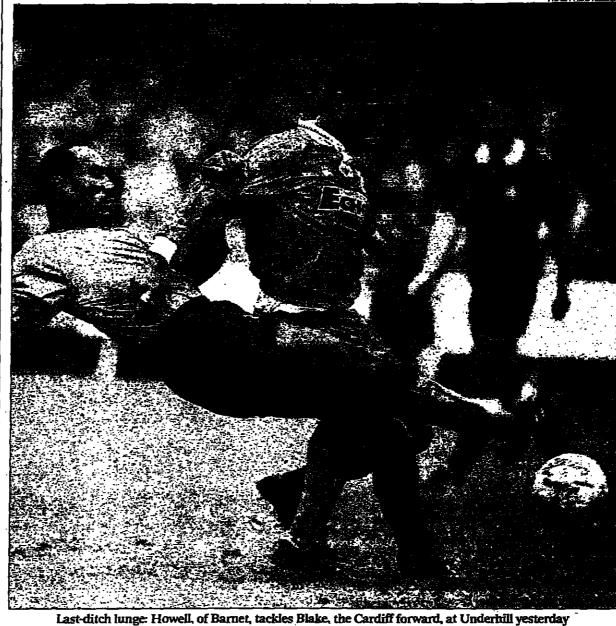
first aid. The driver of a police

car surrounded by supporters

wielding staves was taken to

hospital suffering from con-

police said yesterday.



Payne eases Barnet to victory

Cardiff City1

By Keith Blackmore

A GOAL by Derek Payne four minutes from time gave Barnet victory yesterday and took them to within two points of the leadership of the third division.

It was a goal of rare imagination and skill, quite unlike anything that had preceded it, and made memorable a game that otherwise might have been best

It was a damp, rainy afternoon and, in such conditions at Underhill, football tends to be a slog and the play usually follows the moisture down to the foot of

Kicking down it in the first half, Cardiff City had a downhill assault but it also assists the well-placed kick uphill for position. Showler and Lowe were soon pursu-ing long balls into the higher ground of the top corners of the pitch.

Any plans Cardiff had to exploit the slope had to be suspended for ten minutes while they played with only ten men. Perry badly gashed his forehead in an early collision and left the pitch. He returned later, conspicuously wounded.

In his absence, Barnet created the best chance of a stodgy half. Showler's 26thminute corner from the right was met by the head of Barnett at the far post and Ward reacted instantly to turn it over the bar.

Cardiff absorbed the lesson and began the second half as Barnet had ended the first, pushing up the flanks

shot following a clearance by Ward but a goal at last arrived in the 62nd minute, thanks to another long bail

up the right.
This time it came from James. Dale collected it, rounded Phillips and scored with a low shot. Barnet's response was to

send on both substitutes, Stein and Lynch, and they equalised in the seventieth minute. Showler's corner dropped into the mud near the penalty spot and Barnett hacked the ball past Ward.

Kelly should have restored Cardiff's advantage, when Richardson put him clear again a few minutes later, but he shot wildly over the bar - a miss that would prove costly.

Stein and Lynch both went close for Barnet before Payne produced his match winner. Showler turned too

Ward from 18 yards. It was a fine goal and sent Barry Fry. the Barnet manager, dancing down the touchline with

Stan Flashman, the Barnet chairman, will be hoping for another victory today when he appears before a Football League enquiry in London to answer charges of alleged irregularities at the

> York City, the third division leaders, lost for only the second time this season when they went down 4-3 to Northampton Town

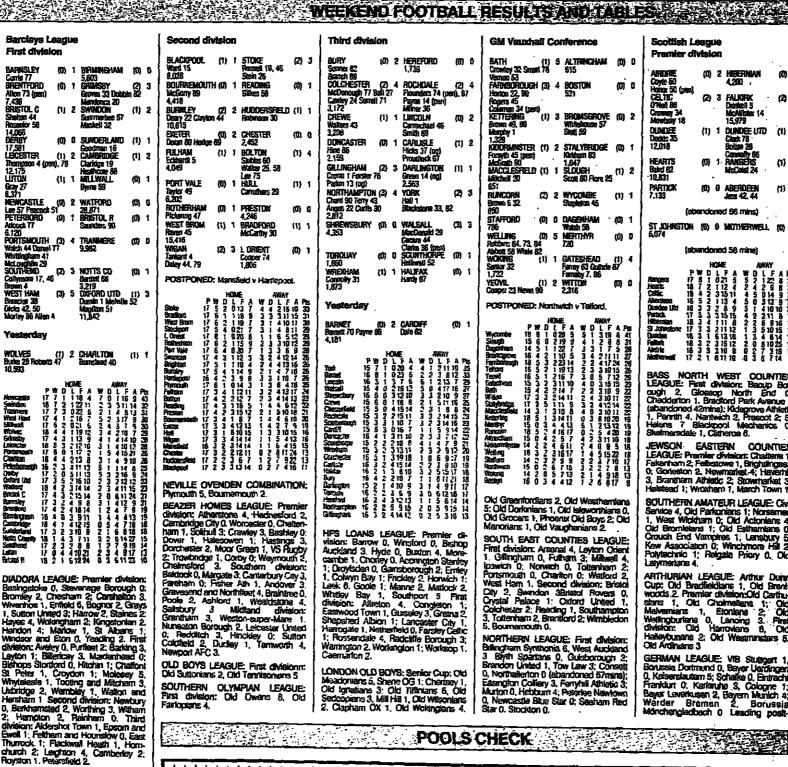
Stoke City are the new pacesetters in the second division, after beating Blackpool, the bottom team, 3-1 while Bradford City, the previous leaders, drew 1-1. against West Bromich Albion, the third-placed team, at The Hawthoms. NET: G Phates; R Husford, D Naylor,

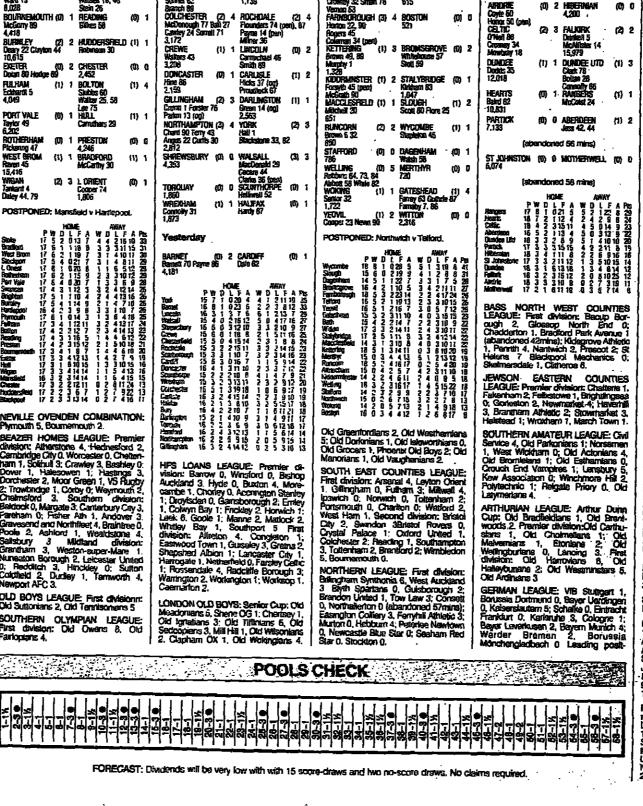
and employment of foreign Taylor said: "If the floodgates are opened, the recognised breeding grounds in our

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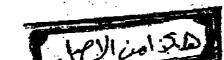
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NORTHERN COUNTIES EAST

Oldham Suffer Su

Bomb scare proves forerunner to a bad day for Premier League's title pretenders

Arsenal's run upstaged by Leeds revival

Arsenal.

BY PETER BALL

SO ARSENAL are not invitecible after all. Take a bomb scare in the middle of the night, a hobbling goatkeeper and an absent centre forward, and the championship favourites are just as vulnera-

ble as anybody else.
I didn't think it was going to be our day when we were standing out in the streets for half an hour at four o'clock this morning because of a bomb threat," George Gra-ham said on Saturday after Leeds had ended Arsenal's run of six consecutive wins. His convictions were accurate. the champions winning the key Premier League match with verve and conviction.

It was an important win for the Premier League, ending, at least temporarily, fears that Arsenal might turn the championship race into a procession. It may prove an even more important victory for Leeds, after their dismal run, since the European Cup defeat by Rangers, of seven matches without a win.

Tellingly, it came at the end of an international week, the break giving players a chance to breathe different air and stop feeling sorry for them-selves. While they were away, the Leeds manager was left to work with his unrequited defenders, who have carried the brunt of the blame for the recent failures.

"I just worked with the back four all week," Wilkinson said. We tried to get two or three things clear in our minds, establish a positive attitude.

We'll tell in the next month whether it's all been worthwhile, or whether today was just one of those days. It was very, very important to get a win, but probably just as important for us was the performance."

The much-maligned defenders clearly benefited from their week's tutorial, but it was not only the defenders who shone as Leeds won every battle. And thrillingly, after the unthinking search for Chapman via the aerial route in the last two months, they did it with some spendid

With Wallace vibrant on his return, in place of the injured needed replacing as Whyte Cantona, to give them the flicked on Strachan's corner



Brought down to earth: Dixon, right, collapses under the challenge of Dorigo, of Leeds, during the champions' 3-0 victory at Elland Road on Saturday

rapier as well as the broad-sword, McAllister looking brighter than for weeks, and Rocastle and Strachan bubbling, Leeds recalled the paimy days of the surge to the championship when they attacked with a broad sweep.

It was too much for Arsenal. Smith, who has a stress fracture, revealed his importance in his absence, but Graham refused to blame the bomb scare, or the hip injury which restricted Seaman's movement after 25 minutes and led to his departure immediately after the first goal, preferring to direct his complaints at his own players. "We were very, very poor today after a great

With Wallace missing his first of two outstanding chances, Speed another and McAllister seeing two delightful pieces of improvisation just fail, it took 51 minutes for the pressure to tell. Adams had just signalled that Seaman and Fairclough rose above Adams to head home.

Arsenal's best chance came aimost immediately. Rocastle underhitting his back-pass on the sodden surface, but Lukic saved at Wright's feet. Two minutes later, Leeds made the game sale. Rocastle making amends with a fine run to release Wallace for a centre, headed home irresistably by Charman.

The third goal was an even better revelation of Leeds's strengths. Strachan first robbing Jensen, then turning him and clipping a perfect pass between two defenders for McAllister to leave Miller helpless on his debut. Arsenal's only resistance came in a piece of petulance by Merson, who received a yellow card to take Arsenal's book-

Late 10 29.
LEEDS UNITED: J Luter; J Newsome, A
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Bould, A Adams, J Jensen, 1 Winghi, N
Campbell, P Merson, A Limpar.
Referee: R Hart.

Forest gain some self-belief

Crystal Palace.. Nottingham Forest...... 1

By Peter Robinson

IF NOTTINGHAM Forest are to pull away from the mire at the bottom of the Premier League, they may look back at 4.37pm on Saturday as the time the recovery began. After weeks of frustration and failure, a little luck fell their way and Forest, for whom scoring goals had become a fading memory, were able to capitalise, equalise and collect a precious point. It has not improved their lot much at the foot of the table, but the psychological lift could be enormous.

For an hour after Armstrong had accepted an invitation to give Crystal Palace a 22nd-minute lead, Forest had suffered a strong case of déja

Norwich showing that figures can lie

vu. Three times in their last five League matches, they have conceded a silly goal and toiled in vain for a reply. It was the familiar story of posses-sion, precision and pathetic

Then, to widespread surprise. Forest scored. Woan shot, Martyn saved, the ball rebounded awkwardly back to the Forest player, who looped a beader over the goalkeeper and Bannister, chasing the ball over the line, claimed the

It was, in truth, a decent finish to a dull game, but Forest will not complain about that. They had been searching for confidence for weeks and, at last, they may have discovered some. There was little sign of that, however, in the first half. With Keane planted on the right wing, despite excelling in midfield for the Republic of Ireland in midweek, Forest were unable to impose themselves. Palace. less inventive, were rarely troubled and it was no surprise when Armstrong, pre-sented with the ball 20 yards from goal, slotted home.

When the teams re-emerged at half-time, Keane was restored to midfield and slowly Forest took a grip. Woan offered their biggest threat on 72 minutes, forcing Martyn into a fine save with a 25-yard shot on 80 minutes, a flying header was pushed on to the crossbar by an increasingly flustered goalkeeper, and, two minutes later, he finally found a way past Martyn for Bannister to restore parity.

CRYSTAL PALACE: N Martyn: J Hum-phrey, R Shaw, G Southgale, E Young, A Thom, S Osborn, P Williams, C Armstrong, P Mortimer (sub: C Colaman), E McGoldrick. NOTTINGHAM FOREST: M Crossley: B Laws, S Pearce, S Chettle, C Tiler, R Keene, G Bennister, S Germfill, N Clough, L Glover, I Woen

Corners can solve the pain of the penalty shoot-out

ottenham Hotspur and Aston Villa provided an entertaining, endlessly fluctuating goalless draw in the Premier

League on Saturday with a profusion of evidence for the argument that a tally of corners — rather than an irrelevant, though dramatic, lottery of a penalty shoot-out - should be used to determine unresolved cup-ties. Either side could have won by two or three goals at White Hart Lane but Tottenham won the corner count 13-10.

By neglecting the oppor-tunity to utilise such an option, which has the advantage of being a part of conventional play. Fifa also wastes the possibility to add legitimate drama to the regular course of a cup-tie by converting a corner casually conceded for safety first into a potential match-loser, and, therefore, something to be avoided.

Corners are a genuine reflection of initiative and there was plenty of that in either direction, even if the inconclusive finishing at both ends was also a reflection of a general decline in individual technique.

While Dalian Atkinson had two flowing runs in the first half ending with shots that forced fine saves from Thorstvedt - the first producing a corner - and McGrath had two headers within a minute cleared off the line early in the second half by Ruddock and then Howells, it was Tottenham who squandered the more glaring openings.

Sheringham's departure from Nottingham Forest seems likely to help push them towards the first division yet his addition to Tottenham's attack has so far shown no great potential for bringing them their first league title for 30 years. Running through a flat

defence on to a long clearance from Thorstvedt early in the first half, he was dangerously positioned at reasonable range and not too wide on the right yet failed even to oblige Spink to make a save.

Beating two men three minutes into the second half, Sheringham drove hard at Spink when the situation demanded that he

place his shot. Nayim had struck a similarly guileless shot midway through the first half.

li Nayim could offer the excuse of haste under pressure, no such cop-out was available to Austin, the Tottenham right back, a few moments later. Taking a free kick 35 yards out, he hammered the ball 15 yards wide of the goal and high into the crowd. Such is, occasionally. the technique in today's premier division, mind the third.

The worst miss, however, was that by Barmby a few had Spink at his mercy close in but screwed the ball wide of the right post.

Villa had not lost in 12 matches nor Tottenham in six and the conclusion from this match must be that Tottenham should achieve a comfortable place some-where in mid-table but that Villa may not be such a short odds calculation for the title as the bookmakers have recently made them.

It was the perfect pitch for a side that fancies itself as a fast, attacking unit. A wet top on a firm, true surface was the attackers' delight but we saw little danger from Saunders, who was well marshalled by Ruddock and Mabbutt.

Although the Villa section howled abuse when Ruddock was booked for bringing down Atkinson early on, I thought it was one of those occasions, rare enough, when Ruddock was unfairly penalised. Atkinson bouncing off him as he tried to accelerate past.

Vilia had the better of much of the second half and, near the end, Parker cut through twice, first heading wide when unopposed then forcing Thorstvedt to tip over the bar. It was one of those afternoons, less frequent nowadays, when a season ticket seemed a good investment.

TOTTENHAM HOTSPUR: E Thorstved D Ausen, J Edinburgh, V Samways, Matburt, N Ruddock, D Howele, G Dun (sub N Barmby), Naym, E Shennghan P Allen (sub 'J Cundy) r Allen (sub: J Cundy) ASTON VILLA: N Spink, E Barien, S Staurten, P McGrath, S Teale (sub: U Enogu), A Richardson, P Houghton, G Parker (sub: C Pogis), D Saunders D Allenson, B Small

Liverpool welcome Barnes's return

JOHN Barnes is poised to return to senior football this evening, almost six months after sustaining an injury which threatened to end his career ilan Ross writes). The England forward is likely to be named as one of Liverpool's substitutes for the game against Queens Park Rangers at Loftus Road after proving his fitness in a series of minor

fixtures over the past fortnight. Barnes, 29, had not played in a senior match since he ruptured an Achilles tendon last June playing for England in Finland, and has started only 17 of his club's 88 competitive senior fixtures since the start of last season. "John is improving steadily

and he's gaining more confidence with every passing day."

1 (+3) Norwich

2 (-1) Arsenal

4 (-1) A Villa

5 (0) **QPR**

6 (+1) Man City

7 (+1) Cheisea

8 (+2) Man Utd

9 (-3) Coventry

11 (+1) Middlesbro

13 (-2) Liverpool

14 (+1) Sheff Wed

15 (-1) Tottenham

16 (0) Sheff Utd

17 (+2) Southmptn

(0) C Palace

22 (0) Nottm For

18 (-1) Everton

19 (-1) Oldham

10 (-1) Ipswich

12 (+1) Leeds

3 (-1) Blackburn

Ronnie Moran, the Liverpool senior coach, said.

If Barnes does make his first Premier League appearance tonight, Liverpool will immediately lodge a compensation claim with the Football Association. Under the terms of its insurance policies, the FA guarantees to pay the wages of any player who is unavailable because of an injury sustained while on international duty.

With Barnes earning an estimated £8,000 a week, the claim is likely to exceed £200.000. Liverpool will definitely be

without Thomas, Walters, Stewart, Molby and Whelan tonight, although Rosenthal, their israeli forward, is now available again.

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Sheffield United

NORWICH City defy statistical logic. They have conceded 28 goals in 16 Premier League matches — only Oldham Athletic have a worse defensive record - and have a meagre goal difference of plus one. No amount of creative accounting can translate that

slate at home.

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By RUSSELL KEMPSON

THE TIMES TABLE OF THE FA PREMIER LEAGUE

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into championship potential. Yet Norwich, who stretched their lead at the top to four points on Saturday, have won more matches and scored more goals than anyone else and have the best defensive

Scratch the head, reach for the aspirin and try to unscramble that conundrum; it could take months, maybe

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Norwich manager, offers no simple solution but is refreshingly honest in his final analy-"I'd rather win 5-4 every week and get three points than draw 0-0, take a point and say we've done well defensively. he said. "I suppose the problem comes when we lose 4-3. Norwich hold their lofty

position despite a 7-1 beating by Blackburn Rovers and a 4reverse at Anfield. With each victory, with each flowing display, Walker takes increasing delight in cocking a snook at his club's critics. Any signs of weakness — and there were several against Sheffield United — are swiftly papered over and defeats dismissed as mere hiccups.

Dave Bassett, the Sheffield United manager, was impressed. "It's OK saying Norwich might crack," he said.

Leading scorers

Shearer 12, Ripley 3

Ferdinand 5

Hughes 6

White 9, Sheron 5

Harford 8. Stuart 4

Dozzeli/Wark 5

Wilkinson 8, Slaven 4

Chaoman 9, Cantona 6

Sheringham 5, Durie 3

Deane 5, Littlejohn 4

Sharp5, Okney 4

Armstrong 8

Holdsworth/Earle 3

Atkinson 9, Saunders 7

crack trying to catch them." All the Norwich players want the ball and look comfortable with it; they know what to do with it, when to do it and how to do it. They are able to adjust and improvise to suit the circumstances and conditions -- driving rain and

a greasy pitch on Saturday. Sheffield United relied a lot less on the big boot than might have been expected. Gannon and Ward scurried industriously, Deane and Littlejohn were alert and willing up front. Had Beesley's early header gone in instead of clipping the crossbar, had Gunn not saved smartly from Deane and Ward in a frantic first half of 15 corners, United could have sprung a surprise. But Norwich boast resil-

ience among their many quali-

ties and, after Cork's tap-in

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27,782

21.371

14,663

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12,054

6,847

14,725

20,221

% chg

91-2

+3.4

-20.9

+35.8

+6.1

+12.3

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2 until May. Mike Walker, the "But perhaps the others might equaliser for Sheffield United the 73rd minute, they bounced back with the sweetest of winners. Phillips swept the ball wide for Fox, whose first-time cross was met with an equally precise first-time finish from Robins for his eleventh goal of the season. Norwich's opener had been

fashioned by Culverhouse,

Fox and Robins. Beckford driving in a shot from the byline that Pemberton turned into his own net. Beckford, understandably eager since recovering from hernia, shoulder, thigh, ankle and Achilles tendon injuries, daimed the goal. That, too, defied logic. CHCTY: BGunn, I Cuh Bowen, i Butterworth, J Polston, D Susch, i Crook, D Beckford, M Robins, R Fox. D Philips.
SHEFFIELD UNITED: A Kelly, K Gage, T Cowan, J Garmon, J Permierton, P Bessler, M Ward (Subr C Karnara), P Rogers, A Littlejohn (subr A Cork), B Deane, G Hodges.
Reference M Deale.

Next match

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QPR (h Sat)

Man Utd (h Sat)

Norwich (h Set)

Liverpool (h today)

Tottenham (h Sat)

Leeds (a Sat)

Arsenal (a Sat

Everton (h Sat

Oldham (a Sat)

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Wimbledon (a Sat)

Man City (a Sat)

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Sheff Utd (a Sat)

Walters, by 15 seconds.

ROWING

Pooley dominates in singles and doubles

More than 500 boats were involved in the Tiffin Head on Saturday when Guy Pooley underlined his supremacy by beating the Olympic sculler, Wade Hall-Craggs, by a halfminute in the singles (Mike

Rosewell writes). Pooley started directly behind the national champion. Cal Madennan, his Leander doubles partner, and overtook him just after halfway. This duo went on to win the doubles two hours later, beating Hall-Craggs and Gareth

Tim Foster, stroke of the Olympic eight, sculled twice and won the Senior I and

Senior II events in fast times

while the Great Britain lightweight, Sue Appelboom, was again well ahead of her heavi-

er women rivals. It is still not clear who will be coaching some of these worldclass performers in 1993. Bob Michaels, the British women's coach, and Alan Whitwell, the men's lightweight coach, have taken up appointments in Greece and Norway and interviews are being held for possible replacements.

Jurgen Grobler, Leander's German coach who was offered the top British coaching post over a month ago, has been settling contractual details and an announcement is expected this week.

ICE HOCKEY

McEwen shows way

Cardiff Devils.. Nottingham Panthers.....3

By Norman de Mesouita

CARDIFF Devils are through to the Benson and Hedges Cup final in Sheffield next month, after beating Nottingham Panthers on Saturday.

15-7 on aggregate Doug McEwen increased their 9-4 first-leg margin after only two minutes with the first of two successful long shots in the first period. Between those two goals, Ashley Tait and Randall Weber scored for Nottingham but for the remainder of the game Cardiff

were in command.

Play took place at the Nottingham end of the ice for most of the final period and only an outstanding performance by Danny Thompson in the Nottingham goal kept

the score within bounds. Whitley Warriors led Durham Wasps 13-5 after the first leg of their cup match last weekend. Whoever qualifies from that semi-final will be aware that Cardiff have run into excellent form after a

halting start to their season. Nottingham, meanwhile will need to look to their defence and their commitment if they are to pull their

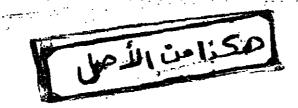
season round, scorers; Cardiff D McEwen (3), S Cadeux, I Cooper, S Cooper Nottingham; A Tat, R Weber, D Donon,

LOMBARD RAC RALLY

World Rally Championship Decider Sainz, Auriol or Kankkunen??

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Cool Ground stands by to take chance in Hennessy Cup

By Richard Evans, racing correspondent

courage us to run him," Bald-

Significantly, he added:

"We will accept him for the

Hennessy although my view if

that it is too competitive and

too soon. I would lean more

towards the Rehearsal but he

won't be easy to place because

he's badly handicapped. A

race like yesterday's (at Aintree) was made for him."

François Doumen is having

Newbury racecourse inspected

today and, provided the

ground is not heavy. The Fellow is likely to be flown to

England on Wednesday in

now seems likely that at least

one of the two top weights will

stay in the race and so prevent

Gambling Royal (9st 7lb) and

Latent Talent (9st 5lb) getting

William Hill took the pre-

caution of introducing Cool

Ground in to their betting at

16-1. They go: 6-1 Captain

into the handicap proper.

Whatever the conditions it

preparation for the race.

"The owner is keen to go to

COOL Ground, the Cheltenham Gold Cup winner, may run after all in the Hennessy Cognac Gold Cup on

The top weight for Newbury's feature race is none the worse for a fall in the Crowther Homes Becher Chase at Aintree on Saturday.

His trainer, Toby Balding, and Peter Bolton, owner of the chaser and the Whitcombe Manor stables where Balding is based, are engaged in the same should-he-shouldn't-herun debate which kept punters on tenterhooks before Cheltenham in March.

Balding will declare Cool Ground for the Hennessy at today's five-day stage but would rather save him for the Rehearsal Chase at Chepstow. 'He would be a possible rather than a probable for Saturday," he said.

However, if the rain continues to fall on the Berkshire course, the conditions will increasingly favour Cool Ground and "that would en-

Swing Low wins in Rome BRITISH runners enjoyed mixed fortunes on heavy

ground at the Capannelle, Rome, yesterday. Swing Low (Richard Quinn) came through in the last furlong to win the group three Premio Umbria for Hannon by two-and-lengths from Captain Le Saux was second for Michael Bell in Turin. Richard Hannon by two-and-

Arranyanna. John Dunlop's Pizza Connection was eighth. Wootton Rivers, formerly with Peter Chapple-Hyam, has an easy success in the Premio Guido Berardelli, with Frescade, Futurballa and Bobbie Dee well in arrears.

Dibble, Chatam, Jodami, The Fellow, 12-1 Gambling Royal, Latent Talent, 14-1 Party

Ladbrokes bet: 5-1 Jodami 6-1 Captain Dibble, Chatam 7-1 The Fellow, 8-1 Gambling Royal, 12-1 Latent Talent, 16-1 Party Politics.

Nicky Henderson, still disappointed that Brown Windsor was forced by a minor injury to a heel to miss his intended clash with Cool Ground at Aintree, is considering running him at Newbury, although the likely

soft ground would not help. David Barons, whose string is still under a cloud, is hoping the rain stays away for Topsham Bay. Martin Pipe, who gave

Chatam a cheeky preparation for the Hennessy by running him in a charity race at Cheltenham last Sunday, said yesterday: "He's spot on. He could be my only representative in the race and Scu rides." Peter Scudamore, reflecting yesterday on the chances of Chatam becoming the first horse since Arkle to win the Hennessy two years running, said: "I have schooled him and he seems in good form. I am very pleased with him. He seems a good horse round Newbury and he has got a good horse's weight (11st

In an open year, the Gold Cup next March is a longdistance possibility for Pipe's

Murphy's tactics | Hymne D'Amour to spark win the day on long-range Knight treble **Deep Sensation**

By RICHARD EVANS

along. I told Declan he could

"Declan said 'No.' He said

challenge because that was

the way he had ridden Deep

thing."
No wonder the normally

in the winner's enclosure and

declared: "Not a bad judge,

The race had gone precisely

While the Irish challenger.

pace up front. Deep Sensa-tion was at the back of the

But the seven-year-old

moved sweetly through the

field in the final mile before

making a successful challenge

"It was like driving a

Ferrari against Escorts," Murphy told Deep Sensa-

tion's delighted quartet of

owners. "He's as good as we

thought he is. He was so economical a joy to ride." Deep Sensation will now

have a break, following three

at the final fence.

1.00 Big Beat.

2.00 Cathos.

1.30 Le Chat Noir.

2.30 Lake Teereen

3.30 Howaryzóxó.

IN PLACES (HURDLES)

(£2,196: 2m 5f) (5 runners)

Long handicae: Master Comedy 9-10.

TRAINERS

Miss H Knight D Grissell R Akshurst D Elsworth

field for much of the race.

as the winning jockey had

third place.

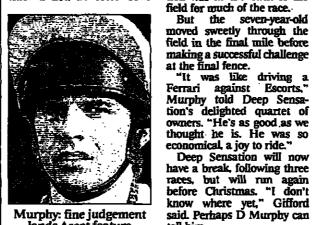
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AFTER controversially rejecting Bradbury Star in favour of Deep Sensation, Declan Murphy jettisoned the riding instructions of Josh Gifford to pull off a memorable victory in the H & T Walker Gold Cup Chase at Ascot on Saturday.

Sensation when beating Young Pokey at Ascot last The remarkable story of how the talented Irish jockey season, and he was sure that defied his trainer's advice, was the right way to ride him. gave the horse's owners a "The owners were having heart attack" in the process, heart attacks. Fortunately he only to emerge triumphant has ridden a brilliant race. He was divulged yesterday by had given the race a lot of Gifford. thought and he did the right

"It was a brilliant ride although not the way I would have had him ride Deep Sensation. We chatted before the race and I said what I wanted him to do and he

"I told Eamon (brother of Decian and rider of the 3-1 favourite Bradbury Star) to bounce out of the gate. If something went off at 100 mph it would give him a nice lead. If not, he could bowl



Murphy: fine judgement

HENRIETTA Knight, re-lieved to get off the 13-winner mark with Glen Lochan at

Ascot on Friday, can complete a long-range treble today. The Lockinge trainer holds drop in behind in second or a strong hand at Wolverhamoton, where Hymne D'Amour (2.40) and Well he wanted to be the last one to Wrapped (3.10) have firstclass chances, and Howar-

yafxd (3.30) can open his

account over timber at

Hymne D'Amour is my nap to capture the Titus Beech 90th Birthday Novices' Hurdle This American-bred filly failed to land the odds last time at Huntingdon, where she was a close third behind Sharp Top and Rive-Jumelle. but still looks a decent

modest Murphy dismounted Previously she had beaten Flying Down To Rio over oday's course and distance by 20 lengths and, receiving her 5lb sex allowance, should prove too strong for Captain My Captain, who won at the Second Schedual, and Brad-bury Star were forcing the same meeting.

Well Wrapped has won plenty of admirers this term with his aggressive front-running style, which gained him victories at Southwell and over today's course and distance. He tackles stronger opposition this time, including the

Uttoxeter third, Members' Re-

JOCKEYS

FOLKESTONE

THUNDERER

1.00 Ishraaq.

1.30 Gladtogeti

2.00 Bright Sapphire.

2.30 Lake Teereen.

3.00 Pamber Priory.

3.30 Howarvafxd.

RICHARD EVANS: 1.30 GLADTOGETIT (nap). 3.00 Pamber Priory.

GOING: SOFT, GOOD TO SOFT BACK STRAIGHT (CHASE COURSE): SOFT, HEAVY

1.00 BREDE NOVICES HURDLE (£1,302: 2m 1f 110yd) (10 runners)

BETTINGS: 5-4 Big Best, 5-2 Enchoy, 5-1 Ishnaq, 6-1 Nidomi, 10-1 Cappectivo Siri, 12-1 Kerry My Home, 16-1 Non So Game, 20-1 others.

1991: STEVEADON 5-10-12 L Harvey (4-1) N Callaghen 17 ran

1981: BE SURPRISED 5-10-1 G Moore (3-1) A Moore 5 ran COURSE SPECIALISTS

% JOCKEYS

A Maguiro Poler Hobbs H Davies B Powell M Richards D Murphy

1.30 FORESTERS ARMS AT TOMBRIDGE HANDICAP CHASE

SETTING: 7-4 Gladiogicili, 9-4 Le Chair Nob., 3-1 Master Comedy, 6-7 Sharpgon, 8-1 Bronze Float.

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6 0 KERRY MY HUME 24 (P Byroe) B Carley 5-10-12 ...
7 33428- MOOM 203 (D Leon) B Employ 5-10-12 ...
8 0-4 CAPPLICENO GRIL 27 (Mrs.) Gray F Gray 5-10-7 ...
9 PP LIME STREET IJ. 9 (A Loca) Mrs. I Jeneb 4-10-7 ...
10 OGP- MUN SO GAME 219 Mrs. J Eley S Molro 5-10-7 ...

NATIONAL BUXT EADERS

M Pipe 45
G Richards 40
W A Stephenson 33
Mats G Revoley 31
N Twiston-Davies 29
D Michalson 24
M H Easterby 15
K Balley 15

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- MANDARIN

venge, and Guiburn's Nephew, who has performed with credit twice at Newbury this term. However. Wrapped has plenty of scope for improvement.

David Nicholson had done extremely well with two former Jenny Pitman horses. Mighty Mogul and Baydon Star, this term and it will be interesting how another recruit in the same ownership. Wonder Man, fares in the Pina Colada Novices' Chase.

This smart hurdler was restricted to one outing last season, a facile success at Warwick, but it will be disappointing if this likeable chestnut does not make the grade over the bigger obstacles as he is gifted with plenty of speed. Nick Gaselee enjoyed a fluent victory with Easy Buck at Ascot on Saturday, and his Baron Two Shoes, who showed ability last term, looks

on a reasonable mark for the Black Russian Novices' Chase. At Folkestone, Howaryafxd can collect the Brenchley Novices' Hurdle. The five-year-old was prominent for a long way before fading into seventh place behind Martin's Lamp at Towcester, but has much less on his plate this time.

winner Le Chat Noir has figured prominently in two outings over hurdles recently. This versatile performer can return to winning form over the bigger obstacles in the Foresters Arms At Tonbridge Handicap, although Gladtogetit, a good third at Tow-

Lake Teereen seems to have a relatively easy task in the Daily Mail Novices Chase and, after his creditable third behind Otterburn House at Uttoxeter. Pamber Priory can lift the United Services Public House At Gillingham Handi-

cester on his seasonal

reappearance, will test him

Jimmy Fitzgerald and Mary Reveley, two in-form trainers. look the main protagonists at Catterick.

I expect Fitzgerald to come out on top on this occasion with three winners - Sweet Noble (12.35), Sunset Rock (1.35) and Vienna Woods (3.35).

Best of the Malton trio could be Sunset Rock, who won a Southwell bumper by 30 lengths last season and does not look highly tried on his first venture over hurdles.

However, 1 anticipate Reveley collecting the S R Hill Catering Conditional Jockeys' Handicap Chase with Rare Fire who, before his Kelso disappointment, had landed a Hexham novice handicap

chase in good style.

Mega Blue finished in front of Just Frankie when the pair were third and fourth behind Boston Rover at Market Rasen earlier this month, and the mare can confirm the form on the same terms in the W L And Hector Christie Memori-

WOLVERHAMPTON

MANDARIN 1.10 Wonder Man. 1.40 Invite D'Honneur. 2.10 Baron Two Shoes 2.40 HYMNE D'AMOUR (nap).

3.10 Well Wrapped.

THUNDERER

3.10 Well Wrapped.

1.10 Wonder Man. 1.40 Beaufan. 2.10 FENTON BRIDGE (nap). 2.40 Hymne D'Amour.

The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 3.10 WELL WRAPPED.

GOING: GOOD TO SOFT (CHASE COURSE); SOFT (HURDLES) 1.10 PINA COLADA NOVICES CHASE (£2,065: 2m) (6 runners) O/PG-P NARE POINT 7 (A Death J Bosley 7-10-12...

5 16401/1- WONDER MAIN 373 (F.G.S.) (Mrs Shirley Robins) D Nicholson 7-10 12.... R Dunwoody BETTING: 1-2 Wonder Man, 5-1 Balacipa, 6-1 Man Ot File West, 12-1 Windome, 33-1 others 1991: SPRINGALEAK 8-10-13 J Osborne (6-4 lab) D Shaneoud 15 sat

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1.40 BUCK'S FIZZ CLAIMING HANDICAP HURDLE (£1,603: 2m 110yd) (11 runners)

1	いいいしょ	MYTTE D'HOMMEUR 298 (G) (H (EWET) C EFORD 10-71-10 V SERDERY (5)	50
2	001-P06	BEAUFAN 19 (D.G) (Classical Enterprises Ltd) C Jackson 5-11-3	95
3	03-1P56	ULLSWATER 9 (D.F.S) (Mcs F Reut) A Red 6-11-0 H Williamson	92
4	00332	BRORA ROSE 30 (J Joseph) R Frost 4-11-0 J Frost	83
5	153-064	AUVILLAR 20 (V.BF,G) (Mrs. J. Srape) D Burchell 4-10-13	8
6	5 TPP -1	HAND IN GLOVE 14 (CD,S) (R Hamuchi R Brotherton 5-10-13 R Durswoody	92
7	033200-	JUST A MEMORY 229 (B.D.F) (A Samer) C Trieffine 6-10-12 D Bridgwater	98
8	4203/4/	CHAGHATAI 836 (Mrs M Robertson) W Clay 6-10-10	-
ġ	050229-	EXPOUND 182 (9.0.6) (E Beties) 8 Justies 7-10-10 W Humphreys	93
ΙŪ	PGP6-65	PRINCE VALMY 20 (B) (Mrs S Hooper) N Ayittle 7-10-3	68
11	P-PSSP4	SWINGTIME BELLE 37 (V,D,F) (R Hughes) M Editey 5-10-0 D Meredith (5)	87
Long	handicap:	Swingtime Belle 9-9	

SETTING: 7-2 Bross Rose, 4-1 Beautin, 5-1 Aunter, 6-1 Hand is Giove, 7-1 Invite D'Honneur, 8-1 Just A Memory, 10-1 Exposed, 14-1 Ultiseater, 16-1 others. 1991: NO CORRESPONDING RACE

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Going: good to soit
1.00 (2m ch) 1. Setter Country (W Imme,
12-11: 2. Freeline Finishing (16-8 (1-tax), 3.
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2m 41, 121 R Hodges Tole 13.00, 52.80.
61.70 DF: 510.30, CSF-532.34.
1.30 (2m 110yd hdie) 1, Easy Buck (C
Maude, 11-2); 2. Jopanin (7-2 tax), 3.
Mayern (5-11 10 ran 3, vi N Gaselee
Tole: 55.70, 52.30, 51.90, 51.90
513.70, Tho 517.70 CSF: 523.00 Incast
CSI 77
2.05 (2m 31 110yd ch) 1, Deep Sensation

2.05 (2m 3f 110yd ch) 1, Deep Sensation (D Murphy, 11-2), 2, Danny Harrold (8-1), 3,

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BONTE D'HONNEUR best Passed Pavm 1% in 19-namer Lacester (2m 41, good claiming across hurdle with HAND IR 61,00% puted up. BEAUFAN 1445 6th to Band Of Hope in Utboreter (2m good)

Tricast £139 68
2.35 (3m 110yd ch) 1, Welknown Character (M A Fitgorald, 15-8); 2, Belmount Captern (11-10 law), 3, Mr Boston (13-2) 5 can 11, 12. P Nachols, Tole £260, £180, £180 DF; £190 CSF £409
3,10 (2m 110yd holle) 1, Satin Lower (G McCourt, 1-3 law), 2, Regent Lad (B-1); 3, Roll A Dottar (10-1) 7 ran NR; Mazzocco (N, 2 N Trinder Tole £1.40; £1.10, £2 10 DF £3 00 CSF £3 82.

3.40 (2m 110yd hdlet 1, Be My Habitat (P Saudamyre, 25-th, 2, Top Spin (5-2), 3, Cosmic Future (33-1) Nor's Futler 6-4 lav 8 ran NR Maestroso 121, 41 Mess L Siddal Tota, £14.00, £2.50, £1.70, £4.40 DF, £22 70, CSF; £22.38.

Jackpot: not won (pool of £5,951.02 carried forward to Newbury on Friday).

Placepot: £37.30

Bractbury Star (3-1 law) 10 ran 2l. %i J 1; 3. Daily Sport Garl (20-1) 11 ran Giftord Tota. £550, £180. £340. £200 3.25 1, Logamimo (13-6 law); 2 To Star (4-1); 3. Wesh Bard (5-2), 5 ran 1 ran 25 1 Dreament Delichit & 10 7 7

2.10 BLACK RUSSIAN NOVICES HANDICAP CHASE (£2,247: 3m 1f) (11 runners)

1 1103 BALLYYMILLWILL 14 (6) (A Lester) Mass 5 Wilson 6-11-10 W Marston (5) 9
2 4/62-P PETE'S SAKE 16 (W Wartengar) N Herderson 7-11-9 R Dummoody 9
5 465-b Lett 2 2-45 to (at American) a unbegrant a 11-2 **** *** *** *** Unbegrand a
3 O43UO-1 FENTON BREDGE 24 (S) (Pell-mell Partners) A funeti 8-11-8 Lawrence 9
A TRADURA BARRON TWO SHOES ? (B.S.) (Ats. T Cockeant) N Gazeline 6-11-? Mr M Armytage 9
5 82/2-945 PATS MINSTREL 10 (G) (K Hunt) R (Atampton 7-11-6
6 383-404 ARD TWATCH 14 (V.B) (J Rachit) A Forbes 7-11-5
P 323-404 Men Shifeli in lettel Printmen Manage 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1
7 /003/F BALLINGNISTER 21 (6) (C Stockton) C Rash 7-11-4 J kawanagh
8 2P/P/05 KOLCLOOKEY FORREST 6 (K Dacker) kits S Smath 10-11-2
a Autoraus, AFTFR FORR 12 (Anne Duches, of Washnesser) J.J. (1968) 6-11-1 James Jones (3)
10 nospes Mass PEAT 13 (R Fresh R Fresh 7-11-0
TO CONTEST THE PROPERTY OF THE
11 100029- WARNER FOR WINNERS 216 (S) (Warner Sports) P Hobbs 6-11-0 M Hourigan (3)
RETTING: 9-4 Ferdon Bridge, 3-1 Ballyeilbeill, 9-2 Baron Ten Shoes, 7-1 Pals Minstrel, 8-1 Pale 2 Sales, 12-
Wildowsky Forest 15-1 offices.

1991: PACIFIC SOUND 8-11-11 A Stronge (5-2) Mrs S Smith 6 ran

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BALLYWILL 8t 3rd of 8 to Auk Sye in novice chase here (2m 4f 110)rd, good) PETE'S SAKE novice chase here (2m 4f 110)rd, good) PETE'S SAKE novice chase on penulimate start.
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2.40 TITUS BEECH 90th BIRTHDAY NOVICES HURDLE (£1,710: 2m 110yd) (13 runners)

1		CAPIAN MY CAPIAN 21 (CU,6) (MS A BENOT) K BRODETON 4-11-3 K DUPRODOY	
2	13	HYMME D'AMOUR 10 (CD.BF.6) (Lord Chelsea) Miss H knight 4-11-0 J Osborne	ĺ
3	6-P0	AURORA LAD 12 (D Lever) Mrs S Smith 5-10-12 J Callaghan	7
4	342/440-	FASTBIT 976 (Cascical Enterprises Ltd) C Jackson 5-10 12 W Humphreys	
5		GRUFFINS BAR (M. Smith) Mrs P Sty 4-10-12	
6	95 3P- 0	JACK SMPE 20 (Mrs A Mildmay-White) R Frost 5-10-12	9
7	00-0	JON'S CHOICE 38 (Mrs E Yales) B Presse 4-10-12 G Lyons	
8		LINGER HALL, TAKES S Beardyon) J Webber 5-10-12	
9	0	FUNEILE 32 (Pell-mell Partners) A Turnell 4-10-12	8
10		THE PRUSSIAN 552F (P Bradley) k Wingrove 6-10-12 Mr A Pizzperald	
11	P0005-6	KEMALS DELIGHT 12 (P Gormley) C Broad 5-10-7 Jacqui Other	
12		THE LAST EMPRESS 12F (A Raid) A Raid 4-10-7	
13	OF	URSHI-JADE 7 (R Mehla) K White 4-10-7	1
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110yd, good) novice hundle, Earlier best Flying
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course and distance (good).
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FASTBIT 31 4th of 15 to Rather Gorgeous in Bangor

(2m 44, good) novice bandicap hurdle on perulti-male start. RUMBLE, proceinent most of way, ex-couraging 211 8th of 14 to Sun Surfer in Wincanton (2m, good) novice hurdle. THE PRUSSIAN formerly smart handicapper on the Rat, including 1965 3nd of 17 to Hattel (sec 3to) in Accost (im 44, firm) handicap in 1990 Subscition: HYANNE D'AMBOUR (nap)

3.10 MANHATTAN HANDICAP CHASE (£2,224: 2m 4f 110yd) (4 numers)

FORM FOCUS

CLUBURN'S MEPHEW better of bro efforts this section when 35H 2nd of 9 to Brandeston in Meentury (2nd, good) annotage chase latest. WELL WRAPPED bear Fiddle A Listle 7t in 14-timer handisap chase over course and distance (good).

3.40 TEQUILA SUNRISE HANDICAP HURDLE

Long handicap: Tembres 9-11, Rough Cut 8-0

uung karanagar, reminista 5-11. muga tuka 4-1 BETTING: 3-4 Royal Wonder, 3-1 Causten, 7-2 Super Richart, 9-2 My Chiana, 10-1 *esofonus, 16-1 ofters. 1991: ACROW LINE 6-10-0 D J Burchell (9-2) D Burchell 8 mut FORM FOCUS

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1); 3. Davy Sport Girl (201) 11 ran 3.25 1, Logarnimo (13-8 (3w); 2. Touching Star (4-1); 3. Weish Bard (5-2), 5 ran 3.55 1, Dreamers Delight (4-1), 2. Trumbs Up (8-13 lav), 3. Smith Too (3-2) 6 ran NR Furters.

12.55 1, Seagul Hollow (5-1); 2, Kayartis (5-2 [i-lav]; 3, Major's Law (5-2 ji-lav), 12

ran. 1,25 1. Persuasive (3-1); 2, Flary Sun (20-1); 3, Flowing River (9-4 tax): 13 ran 2,00 1, Reggae Seat (3-1); 2, Kamndahil (4-1), 3, Ankas (12-1). Boarding School 7-4 tax: 13 ran.

tav. 13 ran.
2.30 1, Hilliown Blues (11-2), 2, Tavlormade Boy (9-2), 3, Noncommital (3-1 fav), 14 ran. NR: Swarvin Mervin, Film Lighting Grif, Full Sight, 3,00 1, Portional (4-1 ji-fav), 2, Choctaw (14-1), 3, My Skiway (4-1 ji-fav) River House 4-1 ji-fav, 10 ran.
3.30 1, Charlotte's Emma (100-30 fav), 2, Gymcrak Gamble (16-1), 3, Bahran Oueen (20-1), 13 ran.

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8 ran. 2.40 1, Comin Hill (5-2): 2, Me/s Rose (7-2): 3, Thunder Bug (9-2). Cashlal Dazzler 2-1

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12.50 1, Red Jack (10-1), 2, Djobet Prince
(Evens fav.); 3, Royal Circuis (25-1), 9 ran.
1.20 1, Overhereoverthere (3-1 [I-lav], 2,
Cythere (3-1 [I-lav]; 3, Marradong Brook (3-1 [I-lav], 12 ran.
1.50 1, Chief Celt (33-1), 2, Jackson Pint
(7-2 lav), 3, Line Lad (11-1) 17 ran
1.20 1, Rochestown Lass (3-1); 2, Piveleigh
Builds (7-1), 3, Vacio Via (6-4 kav) 10 ran
NR: Enteraid Hill
2.50 1, Very Very Ordinary (11-4), 2

2.50 1, Very Very Ordinary (11-4), 2, Sprucer (6-4 fav); 3, Kamao Style (9-1) 8 ran NR Soler Cloud

☐ Alex Greaves rode There's

Magic to win the British Airways Concorde Cup in

Harare, marking the Zimbab-

wean track's centenary.

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COURSE SPECIALISTS **TRAINERS** Ride: 64 97 44 29 16 36 33.3 31.8 28.6 23.6 17.3 13.6 P Scuriamore R Dunwoody M Lynch N Wilkiamson A Carrell I Lawrence P Hobbs M Pipe A Turnell D Nucholson Miss S Willon Miss H Knight **RESULTS FROM SATURDAY'S FIVE MEETINGS**

delivers new surprise

THE Troytown Chase lived up to its reputation for provid-ing shock results when Roberts Rhapsody, the 25-1 outsider of the 16 runners, gained a narrow win over River Tarquin at Navan on Saturday (Our Irish Racing Correspondent writes). River Tarquin had looked

sure to land his second consecutive Troytown Chase when taking a commanding lead between the last two fences. But Roberts Rhapsody, previously a maiden over fences but receiving 30lb from River Tarquin, made relentless headway from the rear and got up close home to win by three-quarters of a length. Owner Bill Hennessey,

trainer Oliver Finnegan and Niall Byrne were successful in the race eight years ago with Pappa's Buskins. Table Rock, previously un-

beaten in four chases, was the well supported 3-1 favourite to retain that record but after making most of the running he tired in the final half-mile. Mistakes at the fifth- and fourth-last fences did not help his cause but for a novice it was still a fine effort to finish third under I 1st 12lb. ☐ The fixture at Tipperary

tomorrow, rescheduled from last Thursday because of waterlogging, is subject to a 9am

2.00 Bridge Selling HANDICAP HURDLE

Long handkap: Green's Thorbern 9-11, Jeles Lock 9-11, Eddies Felta 9-8, Stone Madness 9-6, Elife's Son 9-1

BETTING: 3-1 Mich's Tycoco, 4-1 Cathos. 5-1 Kovaleschia, 6-1 Bright Sapphire, 8-Carter, March Above. 10-1 Joher Jack, Green's Teorium, 12-1 offers. 1991; FOREST FAWN 6-9-13 J Ryan (7-2) E Wheeler 12 cm

2.30 DAILY MAIL NOVICES CHASE (£4,402: 2m 5f) (11 runners) 1005-12 LAKE TEEREEN 16 (BEF,F.B.S) (Mrs. A Granitern) R Roue 7-11-4 ______ T Grandtam / 0131-01 LOBRET 13 (F,5) (B Hatchirson) J Jestins 7-11-0 S M Aham 8 (PPFF-0 LUCKY HELMET 7 (S) (W McKande-Coles) W McKercie-Coles 8-11-0 S Barrough 9 32- MENNDAYN 354 (R Ledger 8 Ledger 11-11-0 Mrs N Ledger 8 10 PP2P0-0 RYDAL PRIDE 18 (W Sale) J Silbrud 7-11-0 PRIDE 19 (W Sale) J Silbrud 7-11-0 PRIDE 19 (W Sale) J Silbrud 7-11-0 B de Hasn — BETTING-A6 Late Terra 2-2 Start The Mark 10-11 D Mrs R Ledger 8 de Hasn —

BETTING: 4-6 Late Teamen, 7-2 Door Tell The Wile, 8-1 Menadama, 10-1 Lobric, 12-1 Steer Apilly. Capsize, 14-1 Express Resile. Rydai Pride, 16-1 others. 1991: BRADBURY STAR 6-11-7 D Murgby (2-7 text) J Gillout 3 can

3. CH	.00 t	JNITED SERVICES PUBLIC HOUSE AT GELLINGHAM HANDICAP ,238: 3m 2i) (6 runners)
1	P153-03	PAMBER PRICRY 18 (CD.G.S) (D Malons) T Thomson Jones 9-11-10 G Rowe
2	1512-10	SAM SHORROCK 7 (B.G.CO) (K Ogder) 6 Thomer 10-18-13. Mr G Johnson Houghton
. 3	3P113-6	BALLYEDEN 11 (S) (P Gough) C Hash 8-10-8 8 Powel
4	53P/6	THATS FOR SURE 23 (S) (J Marse) J Gillard 11-10-5 Mar J Marse (7)
5	53P2-4P	SECRET RITE 7 (D.G.S) (Mass C Zelter) J Gritord 9-10-3 P Hida (7)
6	PPI-PF()	MONTGOMERY 7 (B.O.F.B.S) (W McKenzie-Coles) W McKenzie-Coles 11-10-0 W Invine

Long bandicap: Meraponary 9-10. BETTING: 7-4 Parcher Priory, 3-1 Sam Shormot, 7-2 Secret Rite, 8-1 Ballyaden, 10-1 others. 1991: MARSHLANDER 12-70-0 B Powell (20-1) D Gandolfo 6 ran 3.30 BRENCHLEY NOVICES HURDLE (£1.302: 2m 6i 110vd) (8 runners)

3 4 5 0 7	05-00F6 0- 30 844P-00 P	ARM IN ARM 597 (F Gray) F Gray 7-10-12 M Crosse EAGLE EXD 26 (R Sayer) S Dow 4-10-12 H Davies EAGLE EXD 26 (R Sayer) S Dow 4-10-12 Petar Hobbs EARLY MAN 224 (Mrs.) Grist) D Grissell 5-10-12 Petar Hobbs HOMARYAROD 11 (V Admiss) Mass H Meight 5-10-12 M Richards LETTS GREEN 19 (8) (T Pavett) M Mayers 4-10-12 M Pernet LHCOLN LEDGER (B Maillews) Mars J Lewis 5-10-12 B CRIDIOT (S) MOYNESIA HOUSE 11 (P Byrne) B Contry 4-10-12 D Morphy	
SETT	04422-2 NG: 11-10	LINGGUE LEDEN (B. MARRINNS) MIS L. JUNNICH S-110-12 B. GRIPTOT (S.) MOYNESIA H. DUNGS E 11 (P. Pipraga IB Contra 4-10-12 D. Martiply SOMERSALE, TING 82 (B) (R. Storm) A. Dantson 4-10-12 D. Gallegher Hoveryabid, 7-4 Somersaulting, 8-1 Eagle Bid, 12-1 Moynetis House, 14-1 Early Main. 18-1 In Arm. 23-1 Lincale Leder 1	,
(State)	, 25-1 AIN	1991: OFFICER CADET 4-10-12 D Moots (5-1) A Cartis 17 rag	

CATEFORE 2.05 W LAND HECTOR CHRISTIE MEMORIAL **Troytown**

12.35 Sweet Noble. 1.05 Trimlough. 1.35 Sunset Rock. 2.05 Mega Blue. 2.35 Into The Future. 3.05 Rare Fire. 3.35 Vienna Woods. THUNDERER 12.35 Master Of The Rock, 1.05 Trimlough, 1.35 Mythical Storm. 2.05 Just Frankle, 2.35 Into The Future, 3.05 Kilhallon Castle, 3.35 Four Deep.

> 12.35 HOG ROAST JUVENILE NOVICES HURDLE (3-Y-0: £1,470: 2m) (11 runners)

1.05 PREMIER MEATS PITCHING BUTCHER NOVICES CHASE (\$1,925; 2m) (5 namers)
1 41F1 TRIMLOUGH 14 (OLF,0.5) P Dubon 7-11-10
5 laylor (7) 1-2 Inmisocija, 4-1 Boy Paintar, 8-1 Old Mill Stream, 12-1 Beel Lank, 20-1 Dizzy Dealer.

1.35 CRAZY-PRICES CATTERICK SUNDAY MARKET NATIONAL HUNT NOVICES HURDLE (£1,363: 2m) (11)

2	0	DRY TIME 24 M H Easterby 4-11-0
3	04-0	FAVOURED VICTOR 17 (S) K Morean 5-11-0 A S Site
4	/00	LEARNED STAR SO J Eyro 7-11-0 A Michall
5	10-6	SASKIA'S HERO 17 J Boltomiey 5-11-0 J.J Ox
6	210-	SUNSET ROCK 256 January Rizogradd 5-11-0 M Dw
7	50U-	TOPPORMER 250 F Yeatson 5-11-0 C Gr
8	20-0	WHY NOT ECHENAME 19 Justineson 4-11-0 A Orien
9	25-0	MYTHICAL STORM 14 Mrs & Reselve 5-10-9 P No.
10	10) P	NAVAL RAID 33 Mrs J Goodlellow 5-10-9 R Str
11	322	NOUVELLE CURSINE 14 6 Moore 4-10-9 N Bentley
11_4 5		tock, 7-2 Mythical Storm, 8-2 Norwelle Calsing, 6-1 Septemble
ė. c.		Victor, 10-1 Strend John, 12-1 Dry Time, 14-) others.
B- 1 F4	MAIN PA	TRANS, 10-1 244690 JODE, 12-1 (ITY ITHE, 14-) SHEES.

	TROPHY (Handicap chase: £2,238: 2m) (6)
	1 - 356 TRESIODER 17 (CD.F.9.5) M W Easterby 10-12-0 R Garetby 2 - 114 JUST FRANCE 17 (CD.F.9) Mrs 6 Receips 8-17-2 P Mirror 3 1-03 RROZEN MRKTIREL 13 (CD.S.) Jubreson 8-10-10 B Storey 4 15-3 MESA BLLE 17 (CD.6) Mrs 9 Acontey 7-10-4 D Bytne 5 4102 PALM HOUSE 10 (CD.F.6.5) G Richards 7-10-4 J Marphy 17 6 - 224 POSITIVE ACTION 12 (CD.F.6.5) G Richards 7-10-4 J Marphy 17 6 - 224 POSITIVE ACTION 12 (CD.F.6.5) G Tresider, 8-1 offers.
	2.35 F HUTCHINSON SELLING HANDICAP HURDLE (\$1,203: 2m) (10)
	1 8-08 YAMANGUCHI 9 (F.6) D Moltatt 8-11-10 D J Moltati (5) 2 0-00 RECORDING CONTRACT 9 1 Parties 4-11-10 F Leaby (7) 3 25-4 COOL DUDE 114 J Joineon 6-11-4 P Moltage 14-100 DANAST 24 (CD.F.6.5) Miss L Saldahi B-11-1 P Navan
	5 tar-19 CHANNEL CENT (1.1) STORY REGISTERS 5-10-12 M Dursh (7) 7 -040 SMRT CARRIAGE 3 W Story 6-10-17 M Dursh (7) 7 -040 SMRT CARRIAGE 3 W Story 6-10-17 M Dursh (7) 8 -07 M Risk 17 P Beauthout 17-10-3 M P A Famil 9 -336 COUGAR 39 (6) Mr. S Austin 6-10-6 M P D Parter (7) 9 -336 COUGAR 39 (6) Mr. S Austin 6-10-6 M P D Parter (7) 9 -5-2 Mat The Future, 7-2 Couga, 5-1 Dury Prices, 6-1 Swrll Carriage, 8-1 Coul
1	Duda, Yamanoachi, 10-1 Edward Lear, Darriert, 12-1 others.
	3.05 s r HILL CATERING CONDITIONAL JOCKEYS HANDICAP CHASE (£2,407: 3m 1/ 110yd) (8)
	1 -PL5 HANDY THEX 9 (F.G.S) Mis H Bell 11-17-19 K Covenford (3) 2 322- FOLHWLLON CASTLE 182 (D.G.S) G Returns 9-11-5 N Leach (3)
	3 -132 TRES AMBOS 19 (F) J Johnson 5-10-11
1	6 P-50 POTATO PICKER 26 (A,G.S) Mrs S Taylor 11-10-7 S Lyons

7 3-13 RARE FIRE 11 (8F.6) Mix 6 Reneicy 6-10-3 J Cood (7) 8 5555 MAJJC RAWN 16 (6) 6 Coatsworth 7-10-0 D J Motient 5-2 Tree Ampleos. 3-1 Ram Fire. 4-1 (Resident Castle, 6-1 Boo Handy Man. 8-1 Potato Picker, 10-1 Farmy Old Earne, 12-1 Handy Tock, 14-1 olisies. 3.35 LEVY BOARD STAKES (National hunt flat race: £1,563: 2m) (11)

(National hunt flat race: £1,563: 2m) (11)

1 3 FOUR DEEP 14 J Johnson 4-11-0
2 0- SOCONEN/ENS METCONY 212 M Nanothers 5-1-1-0 G Decres (3)
3 MET WESTCLIFF Deeps Swith 4-11-0
P Wagnot (7)
4 P2 ROYAL CUPID 9 6 Moore 4-11-0
P Wagnot (7)
6 CLERC ON BROADWAY D Models 4-10-9
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BROADWAY PD 212 W Smith 5-10-9
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BROADWAY D May 6 Four 5-10-9
BROADWAY D TO Parties (7)
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COURSE SPECIALISTS TRAINERS: 6 Ruchards, 18 winters from 72 numers, 25 (hs. Mrs. 6 Payeley, 16 from 65, 24.5%; Jarmy Fitzpetid, 16 from 83, 19 3%, Mss. P. Barter, 5 from 28, 17.9%; G. Moore, 10 from 70, 14.3%; J. Johnson, 5 from 39, 12.7%; JOCKEYS: M.D. Dayer, 25 wirners from 100 rides, 25.0%, 0 Byrne, 7 from 48, 16.3%; C Grant, 11 from 78, 14.5%; P River, 12 from 89, 13.5%, 8 Storey, 11 from 85, 12.9%; L Wyer, 10 from 85, 11.8%.



Balding and Hawke take the knocks in their stride

say, is for ever. Taste success on this mad dest and most marvellous of all racecourses and you are a slave to the place for life. The theory was given a stern test

Toby Baking and Nigel Hawke both know what it is to win the Grand National. only temporarily, by the most uplifting experience known to racing, and the bug insists they go back for more. But as they left the swamp which was Aintree on an appalling November evening they wore the bewildered air of

men jilted in love. Hawke was the face of the 1991 National, the country boy with choirboy looks and voice, suddenly a celebrity through a horse called He was to ride him again in

Saturday's Becher Chase, the National trial on this restored November card, but he might have guessed it would not be his day after the opening novices' hurdle. Royal Piper, Hawke's ride for his trainer David Barons,

hung obstinately right all the way up the straight before electing to cart his rider into the stables rather than begin Horse and jockey crashed through a set of plastic rails and came to a juddering halt on the puddled tarmac. Nasty

moment, but there was worse

ever to be beaten in the world

championships, which they

have not been for the last 12

years, practising against them

world championship team contenders had not seized the

opportunity, blaming a prefer-

ence for running abroad,

where financial incentives are

greater. The Africans choose

Britain, rather than lucrative

races in Italy or Spain, because

they have been led here by

British agents, the world lead-

He was surprised that more

Alan Lee discovers that Aintree's first

November meeting for 20 years retains its mystique, even in sodden conditions

Aintree's equine heroes fall out of love with the place more readily than the humans. Seagram hated every stride, resented every fence. He might have come It only added insult to down at any of the first six. The seventh was the Chair, and that was emphatically the end of the road.

Hawke, unscathed, left the course quickly, shaking his head at the fickleness of it all. Given the chance, of course, he will be back in April. So too will Balding though with eloquent expression and solemn understatement, he summed up his day thus: "It would be a great help to forget it all."

Dressed in a vast wax coat against the incessant rain, Balding had broken off from saddling Cool Ground for the Becher to catch a sight of his stable fancy. Beech Road, in the feature race at Ascot. He was too late. Peering at the saw only a loose horse, jockey Richard Guest already unseated. He hurried off with a muttered curse.

Cool Ground deflated him further. Cruising under Adrian Maguire, who said the horse was giving him the same feel he had when winning last season's Gold Cup, he capsized at the thirteenth

rider but, for a trainer chasing his third National winner, it was back to the drawing board.

Balding's mental injuries that the race was won by Kildimo, a horse he had trained with considerable success some seasons ago. This enigmatic character is now in the care of the Smiths, Sue and Harvey, on the Yorkshire moors, and Ladbrokes gave him a 33-1 quote for next April's National after he had jumped with all his old enthusiasm to beat the two Gordon Richards greys, Four Trix and The Antartex.

The result would not exactly have cheered Guest as he tended bruises to pride and body down at Ascot. The ride on Kildimo would have been his, had he not been claimed by Balding for Beech Road.

orean Wyer, with an eye for the main chance, sought out the Smiths at Sedgefield on Friday and booked himself on what is now a live National

Sue Smith reported that Kildimo had fractured a splint bone just before last season's Cheltenham Gold

to miss the Grand National. Harvey Smith may be used to sport's lofty platforms but, even for him, Aintree is special. His craggy face bearing a huge grin, he told how, as a boy, he had broken his arm. "I woke up from the anaesthetic in hospital with the sick bowl on my head like a jockey cap. I'd been dreaming I had won the National, I

still dream of it now." Aintree's first November meeting for 20 years may not have proved much, despite the course's determination to repeat and expand it. What it did prove, unarguably, is that the place can still weave its spell, whatever the month.

Considering the weather, 12,000 was a remarkably good crowd, and if they went away sodden they had at least received value for money.

The dramas of the main feature apart, they saw a David Nicholson treble, the two ridden by Richard Dunwoody taking him to 50 winners for the season, his quickest half-century.

Dunwoody chose wrongly in the last race, riding Nick Henderson's Thumbs Up in trained winner, Dreamers Delight, but he enjoyed little more than steering jobs on Now Your Talkin and Baydon

He is six winners clear of Peter Scudamore now, but says he won't start thinking of the jockeys' title until his next visit to Aintree, in April.

CYCLING

Douce shakes off Clarke challenge

By PETER BRYAN

THREE days of heavy rain made yesterday's second round of the National Trophy cyclo-cross series at Wolverhampton a stop-and-start affair as most riders changed their mud-clogged bikes every lap on the Aldersley stadium

Steve Douce, the defending champion, who had triumphed in last month's opening event at Dudley, again had the strength to shake off the opposition, although his decisive move did not come until a few seconds before the bell for the final lap.

Until then he had had a shoulder-to-shoulder struggle with Barrie Clarke. Clarke's challenge with two laps to go fizzled out and Douce finished eight seconds clear. Clarke said weeks to recover fully from a

Douce has taken maximum points from the two races in

the series. The final round is at

Todmorden in January. Roger Hammond, Britain's junior world champion, gamely elected to compete in the senior event despite being handicapped by shingles for the past three weeks. He

finished fourth, almost three

minutes down, but 'still'

TRINDER-UP OVETAIL.

NATIONAL TROPHY Found 2 Wolverhampton, 16 miles; 1, 5 Douce (Sarasun),
1/r Odmin 20ser; 2, 8 Carlee (Raisigh), at 1,35 Overalt
1, 5 Douce, 80pts; 2, 8 Hammand (MC
8ad), 83; 3, C Young (Fear Orange), 59.

A change in international
rules has given C'hris Roard. rules has given Chris Board-man, the Olympic 4,000 metres pursuit champion, a Games and world record. At the Barcelona Olympics in July he recorded 4min 27.357sec on his LotusSport bike in the qualifying round, later improving the time to 4:24.496. Neither time was ratified because Boardman was not riding alone, but a change in rule, accepted in

principle before the Olympics,

has been confirmed.

ATHLETICS: AFRICANS STAGE ANOTHER CROSS-COUNTRY COUP

Tunstall happy to chase Kenyans home

By DAVID POWELL ATHLETICS CORRESPONDENT

must help.

STEVE Tunstall is a father of three and has been unemployed for four years, so imagine his disappointment at missing out on a cheque for £2,250 on Saturday. Imagine and you would be wrong.

Tunstall's pay for finishing fourth in the Safeway cross

country at Gateshead, the richest in Britain before Christmas, was £325, less than 15 per cent of the top prize. Ahead of him were three Kerryans, feeding the controversy surrounding the African invasion of British road-runcomed nine and cross-country events Tunstall did not mind: 14

seconds clear of the next British athlete, he was pleased to have had someone to chase. The competition could do nothing but make him a better athlete. Hang the money. Practically all of the important road and country events

in Britain this season have been won by Africans -Kenyans, Tanzanians and Ethiopians. At Gateshead it was Anthony Kiprono, 26 seconds ahead of Tunstall after 6,900 metres. Paul Davies-Hale, Britain's top road numer, has spoken out against the Africans' intrusion, a view echoed by George Edwards, team manager of Swansea, one of Britain's lead-

ing clubs, who called it "hijacking".
But Tunstall, following the stance adopted by Alan Warner, chairman of the British Athletic Federation road running commission, welthe competition. Tunstall took the view that, if the African men's teams are

which is due to close next year.

Everyone arriving at Cosford

lands Counties open meeting

of the indoor season was asked

of British indoor athletics

to support the campaign.

One agent at Gateshead, Fight to retain Cosford A PETITION has been since the mid-1950s and is launched to save the indoor

one of only three indoor 200 athletics track at RAF Cosford, metres tracks in Great Britain. The meeting organiser, Roy Tilling, said the closure was on Saturday for the first Midplanned for April. "As soon as we receive official notification, we will be making representations to the authorities to try to get the decision reversed," he Cosford has been the home

Gerry Helme, even admitted as much. Kenyans filled six of the first seven places. Why were they in Britain? "The agents are here," Helme said.

However, women's racing remains relatively unaffected and the one advertised Kenyan, Esther Kiplagat, did not appear. Thus another of Britain's unemployed, Gillian Stacey, did better for her trust fund than Tunstall did for his.

Stacey was the unexpected winner over Laura Adam. earning £1,000. But she almost turned up late for her afternoon's work. "I got here only about ten minutes before the start," Stacey said.

All she had to do was come in from a botel ten miles down the road. How would she have coped travelling from

Natrobi?
RESULTS: Men: 6.900 metres: 1, A Kiprono (Ken), 20mm 04sec: 2, K Korona (Ken), 2005; 3, Z Miano (Ken), 2009. 1,900m; 1, A Passey (Bromsgrove), 5 07; 2, D Spawforth (Wakefield), 5:07; 3, B Hussen (Slockport), 5:07. Women: 5.200m; 1, G Stacey (Bromley), 17:59, 2, L Adem (Parkside), 18:05; 3, N Monts (Essex Ladies), 18:09. 900m; 1, K Holmes (Middleser Ladies), 2:19, 2, L Gibson (Odord), 2:22, 3, C Cahill (Galeshead), 2:25

1650. Senior 1: Rob Roy, 17-23 Senior 2: Rob Roy, 17-54. Women: Open: Stanes, 18-54. Women: Senior 1: Kingston, 18-38. Senior 2: Tideway Scullers, 19-37. Codess pairs: Mer: Open: London University, 18-05. Senior 1: Molesey, 17-59. Senior 2: London University, 18-48. Coxed pairs: Mer: Open: Tideway Scullers, 18-15. Senior 1: Washon, 16-25. Senior 2: Auriol, Kenzengton, 16-43. Coxeless fours: Mer: Senior 1: Washon, 16-25. Senior 2: Auriol, 16-22. Senior 2: Bristol University, 16-59. Women: Senior 1: Senior 1: Washon 16-25. Senior 2: Kingston, 19-29. Coxed fours: Mer: Senior 1: Stanes, 18-29. Coxed fours: Mer: Senior 1: London University, 17-11. Women: Senior 1: Stanes, 18-50. Senior 2: Kingston, 20-14.

RUGBY LEAGUE

SNOOKER

Davis continues to minimise errors

By PHIL YATES

FOR the third match in succession, Steve Davis expended the minimum of nervous energy as he progressed into the quarter-finals of the Royal Liver Assurance United Kingdom championship with a comfortable victory over Steve James at Preston yesterday.

Davis converted a 6-2 overnight lead into a 9-4 success with breaks of 59, 79 and, after James had earned a stay of execution with a 132 total dearance, a decisive 45.

"When I've been presented with chances at this tournament I haven't let many go." Davis said. The world No. 4 followed his 9-1 dismissal of Wayne Jones in the third round with a clinical 9-0 whitewash of Eugene Hughes. "It's good for me not to have a lot of close matches. They mean that you're not

making mistakes," Davis said. Stephen Hendry, the world champion, gave himself some reassurance against recent in-

consistency with a 9-3 fifthround victory over Cliff Wilson on Saturday. Hendry compiled eight half-century breaks

and a century — 118.
"That's as well as I've played this season. I was delighted with my form," Hendry said. Wilson, 58, said that Hendry was being weighed

down by unreasonable selfexpectation. "He's a bit special but he's putting too much "Stephen needs to relax.

He's playing every frame as though his life depends upon it. I've never seen him as uptight as he was today."

Jimmy White was well positioned to join Davis and Hendry in the quarter-finals after the first session of his fifth-round match with Willie Thorne. White led 6-2.

RESULTS: Fifth round: S Hendry (Scot) bt C Wilson (Wales), 9-3; S Davis (Eng) bt S James (Eng), 9-4; J Parroli (Eng) led D Reynolds (Eng), 7-1, J White (Eng) led W Thome (Eng), 6-2.

OSAKA, Japan: Inter-university women's retay race: (21,9 miles): 1, Tokyo Univ of Agnosium: 1hr 57ma 22ser; 2, Lesgali Size Inst of PC (Russ), 2:00:11, 3, Tsukuba Univ (Japan), 2:00:17, British placing: 21, London Univ. 2:12:25

BASKETBALL

23 ROY CURTIS MEMORIAL TROPHY: Dub-fin: Oldham Cellics 94 (Henderson 30, Memicus 16, BHC Pardubica Caschosto-raiu, 31 (Arisia 23) NATIONAL ASSOCIATION (NBA): Friday:

FIXTURES

FOOTBALL " 20 galess stated

GPR v Liverpool (7 45). PONTINS CENTRAL LEAGUE (7 0): First dyssion, Leazstery Wolverhampton, Stoke v Earroley Second division; Mansfeld v Freston, Maddlesbrough v Huddersheld. NEVILLE OVERDEN COMBINATIONS First division: Chaissa v Arsenzi (7.0); Lutan v West Ham (2.0); Norwich v Oxford BARCLAYS COMMERCIAL SERVICES CUP: Second round: Hedrestord v

CREAT MILLS LEAGUE: Les Phillips Cup. HFS LOANS LEAGUE: First divisions Action Unded v Worksop (at St Albans City FC: Commonton v Eastwoold Town.

RUGBY UNION Representative match Scouish Students v Oxford University Tour match

Newport v Transvaai (SA) (7.0)... OTHER SPORT MOTOR RALLYING: RAC Rally SNOOKER, UK championship (Presion) SOUASH Pimni's Piemer Lasgue.

Los Angeles Laters 120, Chicago Bulls 118 (OT); Philadelphia 75ers 129, Marmi Heat 128 (3 OT); Charlotte Homets 117, Golden State Warnions 110 (OT); Portland Trail Blazers 104, Sacramento Kinga 99; Usah Jazz 97, Indiana Pacers 95, Westingson Bullets 108, Misnessite Trinbaruchies 100. Saturday: Atlanta Hawtes 116, Boaton Celtics 107; Charlotte Homets 123, Marmi Heat 111; Philadelphia 76ers 104, New Jores Nets 55; Westingson Bullets 126, Utah Jezz 109; Cleveland Cavaliers 119, Dellies Mavaricks 103, San Antonio Suras 100; New York Krischs 92, Orlando Magic 77; Denvier Nuggets 131, Minnesotia Ymbaruchia Pacers 95; Seatile Super-Sonics 138, Denos 105; Indiana Pacers 95; Seatile Super-Sonics 138, Denos 111, Phoene Suna 107.

CRICKET SHEFFIELD SHIELD: Methourne: Queensland 222-9 dec (A Border 71, M Hayden 51); Victoria 170-8 (Border 5-46). Adelaider South Australia 368-7 dec (J Souder 100 not out) and 58-0; Tasmania 258-6 dec (D Boon 60, R Porting 50). CASTLE CLIP: VerweerBurg: Border 317 and 54-1; Northern Transusia 247. Port Elizabeth: Eastern Province 488-9 dec (M Vertier 112). Thansusia 98-4. Cape Town. Natal 102 (B M McMBan 5-35); Western Province 184-6 (A J Lamb 87).

GHENT, Belgium: Stoday race (efter five days): 1, E De Wilde (Bel) and J Veggedby (Den), 418/bet; 2, U Frezier (Switz) and P Peters, 618/bet; 3, B Risi (Switz) and River Stycke (Bel), 254; 4, one lap behind. C Kvetboov and M Gemeev (CSS), 367: 5, two laps, R (Günther (Ger) and J Deuwe (Bet) 346. British placing: 7, A Doyle (GB) and M McCerthy (US), 198.

CRYSTAL PALACE: Eden Cup under-20 foil international: 1, T Demeted (Ger): 2, A Commotiv (II); equal 3, G Stea (I), A Franchiri (II); 5, U Signosini (II); 6, M Cazzani (II).

SCHOOLS MATCHES: Forest 3, Millield 1; Handsworth GS 1, Thomas Alleyne's HS 1; Kimbotton 2, Highgate 3; King Edward's, Watey 1, Alleyn's 4.

HONG KONG: World Indoor five-s-side chempionships: Group C: Brezil 5, Bedgum D: Australia 8, Costa Rica 6, Group D: United States 7, China 1; Spain 7, Russia 7.

MAYAZAKI, Japan: Durslop Phoenix tournament: Piral scores (Japan uriless stated): 277: D Frost (SA), 72, 69, 69, 67; K Munda, 68, 70, 70, 69 (Frost won et second play off threl): 276: N Cizaki, 72, 70, 71, 65, 1 M Clazzoel (Sp), 70, 72, 70, 58, 260: T Neshicawa, 73, 71, 69, 67, 261: D Forsman (US), 72, 70, 72, 75, Friffices (Frif), 72, 69, 72, 56, 78 (Shiston) (Can), 70, 72, 73 (Shiston) scores: 265: R Gibson (Can), 70, 71, 74, 79, 289: S Rutserdson (GB), 70, 71, 74, 74, 290: A Lyte (CS), 73, 70, 77, 70, 289: B Lans (GB), 70, 72, 75, 75 72, 75, 75
SYDNEY: Australian PGA championship:
Final scores (Australia unless stallad): 282:
C Parry, 57, 67, 68, 272: P McWhinney,
67, 67, 67, 71, 273: B Hughes, 70, 67, 66,

BRUSSELS: World rhythinic champion-ships: Individual: 1, O Kostina (Russ), 38.975pts; 2, M Petrova (Bull, 38.400; 3, L Lulyamenko (Belaruseia), 38.300. HOCKEY

PIZZA EXPRESS NATIONAL LEAGUE: First civision: Seturator; Old Loughtonisons 1, Neston 0; Teddington 0, Stoupout 2: Yestenday: Bourville 3, Stough 2; Bromley 2, Teddington 2; East Ginstest 2; Stoupout 2; Firshrands 4 Walton 3; Havent 4 9; Absens 1; Neston 2; Contook 4; Old Loughtoniens 1 Hourstow 2; Southgate 7 Canifestowy 0; Subston 3 Trojans 3; Second civision; Barlord Tigers 1 Guilford 0; Breat 0; Reading 9; Brooklands 0; Beeston 1; Chelmsford 1 Warrington 2; Chelenheim 0 leas 2; Harteston Magpies 1 Indian Gymidiares 2; Lyons 2 Cambridge City 4; Old Kingstoniens 1 Donousster 3; Richmond 0 Habborne 1; Gymenera Cybra Z Cybra

Languer DMsion A: Anchonens 2, Tulse HB 0: Bournemouth 0, Hampstead and Westminster 3; Eastcote 1, Wimbledon 2; Staines 4, Worthing 1; Weybndge Hawks 1, Old Whightians 0: Division B: Cheem 1, Old Whightians 0: Division B: Cheem 1, Old Whightians 0; Division B: Cheem 1, Old Whightians 2; City of Portsmouth 1, Purley 0; Dulwich 4, London University 2, Gore Court 1, Beclernham 0; Winchester 1, Wolding 1; Woldingham 0; Oxford University 7. Regional league: Hampsthire/Surrey: Andover 3, Old Edwardens 4; Pied 1, Old Mc Whightiens 1; Goen 0, Barnes 1; Lansbury 2, Camberley 3; Merion 2, Odsa' 1; Pied 2; Old Welcountiens 3; Welton 0, Epoom 2, Kent/Suissec (BCC 0, Rochuster and Glängham 0; Bognor 2, Old Baccelhamiers 0; Gravesund 3; Brighton 2; Grasswich 2; Sevencella 3; Lewes 0, Eastbourne 2; Middlesen, Bards, Bucks and Oxort Amersham 5, Morns Motors 0; Hayes 3, Marlow 0; Hendon 1, Aylesbury 0; Mill HB 4, NPL 0; Southgele Adelated 1, Windson 0; Sunbury 7; Emiled 0.

WOMEN'S NATIONAL LEAGUE: Pist division 1; Diswort 1; Esmouth 0; Ealing 2; Hightown 2; Protector 2; Doncaster 0. Sough 2; Windson 2; Ciffon 0, Pictualds 1; Exmouth 0; Ealing 2; Hightown 1; 3; 3; Sugon 1 3; Second division: Biueharts 1; Bractford 0; Breckmall 0, Trogers 6; Cambridge City 0; Sundersond Bedans 1; Colwell 1, Sherwood 3; Vate 0, Harteston Magnes 3, Leasting positions: 1, Tolward 1, Sherwood 3; Vate 0, Harteston Magnes 3, Leasting positions: 1, Tolward 1, Sherwood 3; Vate 0, Harteston Magnes 3, Leasting positions: 1, Tolward 1, Sherwood 3; Vate 0, Harteston Magnes 3, Leasting positions: 1, Tolward 1, Sherwood 3; Vate 0, Harteston Magnes 3, Leasting positions: 1, Tolward 1, Sherwood 3; Vate 0, Harteston Magnes 3, Leasting positions: 1, Tolward 1, Sherwood 3; Vate 0, Harteston Magnes 3, Leasting positions: 1, Tolward 1, Sherwood 3; Vate 0, Harteston Magnes 3, Leasting positions: 1, Tolward 1, Sherwood 3; Vate 0, Harteston Magnes 3, Leasting positions: 1, Tolward 1, Sherwood 3; Vate 0, Harteston Magnes 3, Leasting positions: 1, Tolward 1, Sherwood 3;

Bedens 1; Colveal I, Sheimond 3; Yale 0, Herieston Magnes 3, Leading positions: 1. Trojans, 10; 2, Harteston, 10; equal 3, Bibliothests, Sheimond, 10.

MIDLANDS WOMEN'S LEAGUE: Autholog 2, Wolverhempton 0; Belper 1, Loughborrough 1, 4; Otton and West Warwick 7, Tarmworth 2, Postponed: Hampton v Loughborrough Students.

NORTH WOMEN'S LEAGUE: Certisle 1, Chaster CO 1; Great Hampton 3, Rotherwick 0; JICASE 1, York 1; Liverpool 2, Watefeld O.



Watefield 0.

SOUTH WOMENS' LEAGUE: Cheem 1.
Cay of Portsmouth 0; Eastcote 0, Ealing B 1.
Guitalord 3. Winchmore Hill 2; Reading 0.
Wolding 1; Southampton 1, Winchester 1;
Sunbury 1, Worthing 1.
WEST WOMEN'S LEAGUE: Leon



Winthorme D: Reditand 3, East Glos D: St Austell 1, Taurton Vale 1; Swindon 3, Exiter D: Weston 2, Bournemouth D. SOUTH WALLES WOMEN'S LEAGUE: Cumbran 2, BSC 2; Newport D, Cardiff Athletic 1; Penarth D, Swanses 1; Porthosaid 5, Cardisaec D, SendOR WOMEN'S CLUBS: Blackheath D, Bedlyhasth D; Reditridge 3, Cld Loughtforsiers 2.

HENRICEN LEAGUE: Premier division: Billinghem Bombers 6, Writtley Warms 10; Fite Fyers 8, Durtum Waspe 8.

NATIONAL LEAGUE (NHIL): Friday: Pitsburgh Pengurs 4, New Jersey Devits 1; Delant Red Wings 7, Washington Capitals 5, Seturday Curebes Nordiques 8, Henford Wheles 2; Boston Bruns 4, Philadelphia Fyers 3; Minnesota North Stars 4, Buffalo Sabres 3; Pitsburgh Penguirs 2, New Jersey Devits 0, New York Islanders 4, Calgary Parnes 3, Montreal Canadiens 3, Ottawa Senstors 1; Vencouver Canucles 9, Edmonton Olers 0, New York Rengers 5, Winnipag Jets 4; St Louis Blues 4, Tampa Bey Lighning 2, Los Angeles Kings 6, Toronto Mapile Leafs 4; Charago Blackhawles 2, San Jose Sherks 1.

OSLO: Osio Cup: Norway 7, Austra 3, Frence 3, Polend 0

ICE SKATING PARIS: International meeting: Women: 1, S Bonely (Fr), 1.5pts: 2, K Preston (Can), 4; 3, L Hubert (Fr), 5, Pains: 1, E Shishkove and V Naumov (Russ), 1, 5; 2, R Kovartova and R Novotny (Ct), 3,5; 3, K Courtiand and T Reynolds (US), 4,0; Ment. 1, M Michael (US), 1,5; 2, E Millor (Fr), 4, 3, S Britten (Can), 5,5; Dance: 1, S Monotte and P Lenendry, (Fr), 2; 2, I Pomanove and 1 Larochenko (Lir), 4; 3, E Kustarove and O Oveyarinkov (Russ), 6

MOTOR RACING MACAO: Formula Tiree grand pric 1, R Rydeli (Swe), Tom's Toyote, the 10min 54.04set; 2, P Lamy (Por), Reynard, 1:10:55.81; 3, J Villeneuve (Can), Tom's Toyote, 1::110-183, British placing: 8, A Red, 1:12:18.04.

MOTORCYCLING MACAC: Grand prict 1, C Fogarty (GB), thr 18min 23.47sec; 2, T Homma (Japan), 1:18:31.93; 3, J Whathem (GB), 1:18:35.82; 4, E Laycock (Ire), 1:20:48.43; 5, P McCatten (Ire), 1:20:49.87.

REAL TENNIS CUEEN'S CLIB, London: George Wimpey British Open chempionship: First name (British unless stated): N Wood bt A Philips, 26, 48, 64, 61, 62, P British bt P Tabley (Aus), 54, 64, 62, 62, A Lyons bt T Heughan, 61, 65, 58, 62, C Lumley (Aus) bt A Page, 63, 56, 61, 62.

ROWING ISPAN HEAD (Hampton Court to Kingston, 3% miles): Single soulle, Mesc. Open: G Pooley (Leander), 18mm (Disc., Senior 2: T Foster (London Univ), 18:34 Semior 2: T Foster (London Univ), 18:34 Women: Open: S Appelboom (Morisie Angler), 18:45. Senior 2: F Johnstone (Kingston), 20:23. Senior 2: A Fistcher (Griffin), 21:10. Double sculie: Men: Open: Leander,

STONES BITTER CHAMPTONSHIP: First division: Walefield 6, Hull 4.
YOUNGERS ALLIANCE: First division: Castelord 28, Hull KR 26; SI Helers 33, Bradford Northern 13, Warmington 8, Hallian 30, Second division: Huddensfield 18, Oldham 26; Salford 22, Shaffield Eagles 4, Hernel Hampstead 18, Keighley 16; Ryadale 62, London 8; Workington 30, Swinton 16.
RL ACADEMY: Second division: Featherstone R 96, Dewisbury 0; Hull KR 42, Holliar 0. **RUGBY UNION** HEINEMEN LEAGUE: First division: Neath 12, Bridgend 6.
CLUB MATCHES: Abendery 9, Pontypool 9, Glemorgan Wanderers 10, Cardiff 58; Lenell 7, Cambridge University 19; Penarth 21, Maestag 12; Treologier 10, Pontypridd 10, Blairs 20, Newthortige 25.
WOMEN'S RIFU MATIONAL LEAGUE: Fest division: Retwood 20, Cithon 0 Second division: Cardiff 42, Northempton 5; Richmond II 5, Mediway 5, Sale 10, Bury 0. EINEKEN LEAGUE: First division: Neath

Section Oriental Court 2, Tourist State 10, Bury C.

COURAGE LEAGUES: Leading scorers: First division: 74: J Liley (Lecoster: 2 tries, 11 conversors, 14 penalty goals), 72: J Webb (Balt; 2, 13c, 12pg), 68: M Corroren (London Instr. 11, 20, 20pg), 52: S Thresher (Handon Instr. 11, 20, 11pg), 37: T Smith (Gloucester: 2c, 11pg), M Appleson (London Scottish, 2, 3c, 7pg), 38: M Tainton (Buslot Sc. 10pg), Second division: 77: D Johnson (Newcaste Coestorit, 11, 9c, 16pg, 2dg), 72: P Greyon (Malerdor, 11, 5c, 10pg), 37: S Hodgier, 11, 5c, 12pg, 1dg), 48: G Gargon (Malerdor, 11, 5c, 13pg, 2dg), 62: G Greyony (Nettinghern, 11, 9c, 11pg, 1dg), 48: G Hanger (Balchireath; 11, 4c, 11pg), 33: S Hodgierson (Nettinghern 4c, 11pg), 10g, 48: N Mamment (Bedford; 3c, 14pg), 33: S Hodgierson (Nettinghern 4c, 11pg), 10g, 38: M Hanson (Boduth; 11, 4c, 17pg), 44: A Heggin (Lawrood) S Helens: 1c, 13pg, 1dg), 14: S Hoggi (Cilinor; 11, 1c, 13pg), 14: A Hanson (Reduth; 11, 4c, 17pg), 44: A Heggin (Lawrood) S Helens: 1c, 13pg, 1dg), 14: S Hoggi (Cherr, 11, 12, 2), 10g; 40: A Hanson (Aspatritz, 2c, 12pg), 30: D Breslowell (Leeds; 11, 6c, 5pg), 30: R Ashworth (Hasant; 11, 6c, 5pg); 30: R Ashwort

TOR THE RECORD pions tournement: Men: Semi-linais; I. But (Holl) bit H Wilens (Gen, 8-15, 15-8, 5-15, 15-14, 15-11; A Ademaga (Sp) bit F Johnson (Swe) 13-15, 15-11, 15-12, 15-7. Final: Adamaga bit But, 15-8, 15-13, 15-10 Women: Semi-linais: H ven Hoom (Holl) bit S Schoene (Gen, 15-7, 11-15, 8-15, 15-7, 16-6; S Winghi (Eng) bit E Sveriby (Sver), 15-7, 15-15, 15-9. Pinal: Winghi bit Van Hoom, 15-12, 15-13, 15-8.

NOTTINGHAM: Tesaco women's challenger tournament: Finals: Singles: E Malarova (CIS) bit Parapoulova-Wagner (Bul), 3-6, 6-2, 7-5. Doubles: E Callens (Berl) and Pampoulova-Wagner bit Dregoms and I Starles (Rom), 7-6, 6-4

BASINGSTOKE. Cellinst singles challenger Man: Open: Semi-finals: M Wysch (Surrey) vio S Paranson (Northumberland), sor, A Kershaw (Dutham and Ceveland) bit P Scallend (Hampshire) 6-4, 6-3. Final: Wysch bit Kershaw, 6-1, 6-1. Oven-35: Semi-finals: S Ickmyall (Yorkshire) bit J William (Yorkshire) 6-1, 6-1. Final: Ickmyall bit Fronch, 6-1, 6-2. Under-18: Semi-finals: G Hotols: (Dorset) bit N Bagin (Cheshire) 7-6, 6-4. M George (Hertlotd-shire) bit M Calvett (Yorkshire) 7-6, 7-6. Final: Hotols of Kegorge, 6-4, 6-4. Under-14: Semi-finals: S Lavy (Essex) bit K Paarce (Wanuckshire) 6-2, 6-0; A Harbott (Middle-

sed bi S Amey (Derbyshre) 6-2, 6-0. Finet Levy bi Harbott, 2-6, 8-0, 6-3. KUALA LLIMEVIR, Metsyster Men's ATP challenger tournament Finets; Singles: C Wilconson (GSI) bi R Smoth (Bah), 6-3, 6-1. Doubles: M Michulta (US) and M Petcher (GSI) bi O Cassy (Ire) and D Johnson (US), 7-6, 6-1

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Welsh revival cut short in Cardiff as world's best turn adversity to their advantage

Australia reveal style of true champions

Australia.

RUGBY CORRESPONDENT

LIKE some green and gold Humpty Dumpty, Australia put themselves back together again in Cardiff on Saturday. Patched up and battle weary they may have been, but an inner core of resolve, and that indefinable quality that Australians call "mateship". earned them their seventh international victory in eight matches this year and the right to straighten proudly on their head the crown of world champions.

51,700 crowd at a wel and squally Arms Park who thought that defeats against two dub teams had knocked the crown askew. They forgot that Wales themselves are still only halfway down the road to creating a good international XV and that when the opposition, despite fundamental blows to the fabric of its team, can still haul out players like Campese (72 caps). Kearns (28). McCall (26) and Horan (25), then a great reservoir of

There were those in the

experience remains. At the end, his side beaten by a goal, two tries and two penalty goals to two penalties. leuan Evans suggested that the scoreline did not do justice to Wales. With respect to

MATCH FACTS

ton may keep him there to the

Northampton had to withstand a spirited late assault by Harlequins, who sensed the high price of defeat, but the excellent discipline which had marked Northampton's defence throughout a match ruined by bad weather held firm. Four kicks might seem a rogue manner of inflicting defeat on a side scoring the only try, but Northampton

Their pack dug Harlequins' grave. Bayfield earned plenty of lineout possession, which provided his side with the opportunity for forward momentum, and the work of the back row meant Harlequins had little space or time.

synomyous with his name and

International match

deficit against Australia in three matches from 12 tries to six and now to three, Australia spent more than 50 minutes of the game in Welsh territory and scored three tries, whereas the Welsh never threatened the opposing try-line. Yet they overcame some primary problems: their lineout worked far better than

Evans, whose colleagues have, in the last 15 months, cut the

I. for one, believed it would, but with Stephens and Gibbs blowing hot and cold they could not use it to best effect. If they were going to get under Australia's skin they had to do so early, but they lack consistency and recognition of the ple, players such as Campese are so apt to take.

Once, Jones split the field with a wonderful dummy but found no support for his break; twice, Gibbs turned back from space and support cover, where Ofahengaue was in voracious mood. That scoreless first half-hour

gave Australia's nerves the chance to settle: for Kahl to find his feet and play, if in a minor key, a valuable role in his first international with some precise diagonals and sterling tackles round the

Morgan looked bothered at the lineout by his recent musde injury but the whole side was able to shuffle off the dispiriting form of late and recollect its pedigree. Bob Dwyer, the Australia

coach, was unequivocal about the quality of success and the he said, mindful of the injury strewn context of this particupreparation for some weeks is that we have 30 guys determined to work their way out of difficulty.

"Everyone in the team is so dedicated to each other. This was a really important match because it was an opportunity to prove we could win against the odds. It was more satisfying than beating New Zealand; it was tougher, that's

That is a compliment to the progress Wales have made in a year and, in a first half more



Off the mark: McCall goes over for Australia's second try, and his first in international rugby, on Saturday

measured than some of the jitterbugging the new laws encourage, they looked by no means out of place alongside formidable opponents.

But when Australia gathered themselves immediately after the interval to ram home their slender 5-3 advantage. and the gap broadened by ten points within nine minutes. Alan Davies, the Wales coach, admitted the organisation of his team "fell apart". "There harassed and Australia made the most of it." he said. Stephens could kick only one of his three first-half goals into the breeze and Wales were denied half-time equality when, in a blur of action, Kahi

missed a dropped goal, Roebuck's close-range penalty hit a post and the Australians gathered in the rebound so efficiently that the forwards drove to the line and bundled

national try from a back-row wedge off a five-metre scrum and Roebuck, discovering his kicking boots, chipped three goals. Further Australian probing was hindered by the loss of Wilson and an ankle injury to Horan, but the irrepressible Campese was not to be denied at the death, scoring his 52nd international

Bath's seasoned skills repulse a furious challenge

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By Bryan Stiles

BATH are the hit men who give their victims no second chance. One mistake and they deliver the killer blow that ends the argument - and in this case probably any hope Leicester harboured of capturing the Courage Chibs Championship.

It was a gauge that showed Bath at their professional best In the heavy rain they with-stood the crudity of Leicester's opening assault, coped with the wonderful abrasiveness of Leicesier's challenge at forward, then produced two late match-winning thrusts.
If Webb and Barnes had

been on their usual goalkicking form on Sammlay. they would have buried Leicester much earlier. But the greasy hall and slippery sur-lace made place kicking a lottery and denied Bath the points their superiority de-served. They had to settle for victory by two tries and a penalty goal to a penalty goal. However, the victims contributed to their own demise. With the score at 3-3 and with 3 minutes remaining. Kardooni committed the cardinal folly of trying to make a

the Bath loose forwards baying at the gates. He was hauled down, lost the ball and Bath were in. Barnes, as cool as Kardooni was fevered, ran at the Leicester defence then released the ball for Guscott to deliver the perfect pass for Adebayo to touch down in the corner. It typified the difference between the teams. Leicester are a young, impulsive side not fully flowered who seem destined for glory days in the coming seasons, while Bath are the seasoned campaigners, invariably assured in what they do, and always poised to deliver the telling blow with panache.

just outside his own 22, with

With an average age of around 23 and rapidly-im-

ers. Bath have the players of today and tomorrow. One of them, the elegan

Guscott, set up Bath's second try by twisting and squirming his way through a tightly packed defence, holding the ball up, waiting for his forwards to catch up with him They knew what he was about and charged in pursuit, giving possession to Redman who dived over.

Barnes failed with both ing over the kicking duties from Webb, who had missed ed that such an important game — Bath are now second and Leicester third in the league table - had to be played in such atrocious condi-tions, but the 10,000 crowd

The Bath supporters must have been incensed, however, at the crude play of Garforth and Back, which presented Webb with two penalty kicks in the opening minutes. Back redeemed himself with some splendid work in the loose, which almost secured him a try and which stopped many a Bath attack abruptly in its tracks. If his captain, Richards, had been fit enough to play, Bath would surely have had a tougher task.

Leicester held them to 3-3 at half-time following a success-Webb and Liley. But the longer the game went on, the brighter Bath glowed in the

coach, agrees his team has to rely on slip-ups by others if they are to win the league title. but says: "Put your money on us to win the cup." Sorry, the smart money is bound to go on Bath for the double, again. It would take a bold man to bet against them now.

BATH: JM Webb; AH Switt, JC Guscot, F R De Glamille, A Adebieyo: S Bernes, R J HSt GJ Criticot, R G Daws, V E Uboqu, R A Robinson, N C Radman, A Read, J P Hall B B Claries.

Steele stands firm to stake a claim

Northampton.....12

By PETER BILLS

NORTHAMPTON achieved the dual task of enhancing their own claims to the Courage Clubs Championship title and exposing Harlequins' failings on Saturday. They won a match critical to the sides' prospects for the second half of the league season by three penalty goals and a dropped goal to a goal.

fully merited victory.

Harlequins resorted to the high ball with the intention of exposing Steele, replacement at full back for Hunter. But Harlequins' ploy, mined by inaccurate kicking. failed. There was too great a power and solidity to the Northampton pack, so that Harlequins' back row was required to assist its front five. far from the ideal platform for a unit looking to spoil and attack opponents in midfield. Steele, who also landed three penalties from five artempts, was so successful in general play that Northamp-

exclusion of Hunter. Harlequins made a brave late attempt to snatch victory but had perished at their own hand. Too many promising attacking positions were lost through poor discipline and their pack is not the same force without the Australian, Coker, or the English international,

Moore. A try by Challinor early in the second half briefly overturned Northampton's 6-0 interval lead, but Steele's third penalty and a dropped goal by Dawson kept Northampton's championship interests

vibrant.
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Palstan, A. Grow, S. Local, T. Palstan, A. Lanchom NORTHAMPTON: J. Steele: N. Beal, F. Palstran, M. Dawson, H. Thomaycoth: S. Tutto, D. Elangton, G. Baldwin, J. Olver, G. Pearce, T. Rocksery, M. Bayfield, J. Etherdge, P. Walton, W. Shelford, Referee: D. Matthews (RFL).

Second division

Davies responds to call-up with display of rare vision

London Scottish.....6 By Barry Trowbridge

HAVING spent a week on stand-by. Huw Davies was told only four hours before kick-off that he would be wearing the No. 10 jersey at Sudbury on Saturday, but once again he provided a memorable moment for Wasps, and with the day's sole try took them back to the top of the Courage Clubs Championship. Last April. Davies landed

a match-winning dropped goal deep into time added on to deny Orrell their first title. This season, he has been reluctantly strengthening the Vandals as Adrian Thompson has secured the stand-off's place, but - ever the loyal clubman - he was warming up an hour before the start and consistently showed a turn of speed totally foreign to average 32year-old second XV half

backs. As 21 England caps be-tween 1981 and 1986 illustrate. Davies is far from average. Whether his contribution, caused by Thompson's tardy return from playing for England in the Dubai sevens, will influence

the championship remains to be seen, but with the slippery ball causing countless handling errors, and the soft ground an inviting surface for the many solid tacklers on show, it was always likely that inspira-

tion rather than perspira-tion would tip the balance. Inspiration it most certainly was. Buzza set up second-phase ball on his 10metre line, a seven-man move again stretched the defence, and from a quick release. Davies chipped to the 22, sped past the cover. hacked on and slithered to the touchdown. If only for the sprinting prowess, Allan and Margot Wells, the ex-



prolonged pressure.

open game; that Wasps made far more errors was only a reflection of their extra possession. Until Davies's break, though, two minutes before half-time. they had only a penalty goal by Pilgrim to show for After the interval, Grecian's two penalty goals offered Scottish the chance

iles' fitness advisers, would

Considering the condi-

tions, it was a remarkably

have been impressed.

of victory, but without a Davies it looked beyond them. If they regard this season as one of consolidation, nothing will be lost; they are certainly too good to go down.
Wasps for the championship? They are halfway there and with six wins in six

starts have the advantage. When they travel to Bath on March 13, Rob Andrew will be available at stand-off: understudied, no doubt, by Huw Davies. SCORERS: Wasps: Try: Davies. Conversion: Pilgam. Penalty goal: Pil-grim. Landon Scottlish: Penalty goals:

crim. London Sociilah: Perialiy goals: Grecam (2).
WASPS: A Buzze: S Pilgrim, F Clough, G Childs, P Hopley: H Davies, S Baiss: G Holmes, K Durn Irep. P Delarey), J Probyn. F Emeruwa, R Kinsey, D Ryan, M White, M Greenwood.
LONDON SCOTTISH: M Appleson (rep: S Psarson): N Grecian, F Harrold, M Sty. L Rerwick, R Cambo, K Troug: D Denham, B Glichinst, P Burnell, N Proven, D Cronin, R Scott, Discon, D White.
Reference B Campsall (Yorkshire).

Coventry stide into trouble

BY CHRISTOPHER INVINE

COVENTRY'S illustrious past was documented in the match programme, but a despairing future in the third division of the Courage Chibs Championship was suggested by this performance on a steamy

mud-heap on Saturday.
It is undeniable that Coventry are an ordinary side these days, but they are not so had as to warrant relegation along

THE Courage Clubs Champ-

ionship went into hibernation

on Saturday with some distin-

guished chubs grim-faced at

The last league programme

before the new year saw Orrell slide into the first-division

relegation zone. Since losing

the title on points difference last season Orrell have stum-

bled, and a 23-11 defeat at

Orrell led 11-3 before col-

lapsing spectacularly. Wring

scored a converted try to close

the gap to a single point.

Tainton converting and add-ing two penalties to edge Bristol ahead. A penalty try condemned Orreli to their

fourth defeat in six league

Bristol put them in peril.

their prospects (Peter Bills

with six others from the sec- Wakefield also remain in the ond division, a situation from which the likes of Rosslyn Park and Richmond may also

fixtures are not too demanding, Coventry, who were watched by a party of the club's former great and good, are on a slope as slippery as the one at College Grove which they gallantly fought their way up in the second half. In the end, they were denied by Wakefield's defensive skills. In the unseemly scramble for survival in the division,

Gloucester's important 19-

victory over Saracens at

Kingsholm made it a 100 per

cent return for the first divi-

sion's West Country clubs.

Victory was imperative for

Gloucester given their atro-cious first half of the season.

They led 14-0 before Saracens

replied with a try by O'Leary,

but Morgan's try soon after,

made by the acting scrum-

half, Cummins, made the

Rugby seem doomed to relegation. Their 14-0 home

defeat by London Irish was

sealed by Geoghegan's try early in the second half. Two

penalty goals by Corcoran and a dropped goal by Burk com-pleted the exiles fourth victory

in seven league garnes a

worthy achievement.

game safe.

Orrell's fears mount

woods, despite their mastery of treacherous conditions in the first half to build the platform for a fourth league win. While their six remaining By the time Coventry had

learned the effectiveness of peeling off the rolling maul and not hoofing the ball to touch, where Stewart and Carroll kicked off nearly twothirds of the 67 lineouts, Wakefield had inflicted too heavy damage. In the brief interruptions

between lineouts, Scully's nippy promptings and scything bursts undid the visitors. After the greasy ball ran away from Morley and Sleightholme on the wings. Thompson's fingertips proved secure as he slithered clear of Thomas's tackle and aquaplaned his way

across the line. SCORERS: Wakefeld: Try: Thompson SCORERS: Waterfield: Try: Thompson. Pensilly coat: Liley. WAYCEMELD: R Thompson; J Steicht-toine, A Attinson, B Berley, K Morley; R Liley, D Souly, M Whosn, T Gamert, ADay; P Carroll, P Stewart, D Cooper, J Griffiths, M Sowerby. COVENTRY: M Thompso; B Evers, J Minshall, M Leley, K Shaw; R Angell, R Turner: C Philips, D Addieton, W Bullock, J Hyde, R Mackés, S Carter, K Pickey, L Jones.

Jones. Referee: T Turner (Manchester). Paris: Bernard Lapasset, president of the French rugby ederation, intends to bring forward a management committee meeting to sort out the dispute over the dismissal of Pierre Berbizier in the wake of France's defeat against Argentina. "There is no point in allowing this situation to drag out," Lapasset said yesterday. "I intend to thrash everything out next week." (AFP)

WEEKEND RUGBY UNION RESULTS AND TABLES

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Colleans 3, Streatham Alleyman 20, Old
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Cambridge 11, Ipsiach 3; Cheshunt 21, Lensbury 3: Finchley 11, Chingtord 3; Harlow 29, Woodford 17; Old Edwardlans 16, Norwort 18; Russign 17, Upper Clapton 3. Second division south: Camberley 18, O Regattan 10; Charlton Park 18, Old Boys 8; Westcombe Park 49, Old Juddian 13; Worthing 28, Thenet Wandsrens 10, Third division north-west: Fullerians 7, Grass-hopper 5; Old Merchant Taylon 6, Old Methilians 9, Old Venusmans 25, Old Merchant Taylon 6, Old Methilians 9, Old Venusmans 25, Old Merchant Taylon 6, Old Methilians 6, Seanes 18, Old Etzabatra 11, Welwyn 22, Harpenden 6, Third division north-east: Bastrion 5, Camplon 7; Brainfred 15, Woodford 9, Parathwood 7, Westoff 6, Cansahrigern 9, Rochford 30; Colchester 7, Framford and Gidee Park 19, Seifron Walden 5, Cansy Island 10, Third division south-west: Alton 8, Cranleigh 3; Eastleigh 14, Old Enanuel 5, Jersey 12, Guy's Hospital 0, Old Walcountians 18, Portsmouth 12; Purley 5, Old Windisdomans 11; Winchester 7, Warfingham 23, Third division south-east: Chichester 7, East Christiand 29; Crawley 5, Brighton 16; Derderdans 18, Turbridge Walls 0; Errif 6, Beckenham 13; Hose 8, Old Broddeins 7; Old Beccehamiens 18, Gillingham Anchorians 8, SOUTH WEST: Courage Clubs Champlonship: First division: Gordon League 27. Challentem 12. Maidenhead 19. Pennyn 10: Newbury 21. Sherborne 10. Heading 16. Bristiam 3: St lives 6, Henley 14. Salasbury 24. Cindenford 3. Second divisions: Barbury 13. Combe Down 6: Bridgwater 13. Bennsteple 3; Clevedon 35, Aylesbury 3; Markow 3, Maskon 18: Oxford 18. Windsor 10: Stroud 42. Old Culvarhaystans 9. Western Coursies: Devan and Comwell Police 10. Drybrook

24; Gloucester Old Boys 48, Crediton 10; Launceston 36. Whelescombe 5; Okehampton 28, Beleford 13; Partzenos-Newlyn 29, Aucrimouth 5; Tiverton 18, Plymouth CS 9. Southern Counties: Bournemouth 21; Beleford 13; Plymouth CS 9. Southern Counties: Bournemouth 21; Beleford 13; Plymouth CS 9. Southern 10; Dorchester 6, Bloester 3; Grove 3, Chey 19; Rediriganisaria 15, Studgit 14; Swanseps and Wareham 23; Abbey 0; Wimborne 6, Chippenham 23; Abbey 0; Wimborne 10; Norman 25; Chippenham 21, Bross 11; Gloucester and Somerest Frome 33, Chancester 10; Keynstern 31, Dirigs Crusaceter 5; Old Redistans 11. Thombury 12; Old Redistans 11. Thombury 12; Old Redistans 22. Bristol Harsquine 0; Octaeld Old Boys 12; Old Sulferis 9. Bertstötte, Dorset and Williams 11. Bournemouth University 13; Swindon College 35, North Dorset 7; Swindon 10; Daviss 10; Weynouth 5, Lydalett Minster 14, Blocks and Oson; Buckingham 13, Abbrodon 25; Chillans 3, Oxford Old Boys 44; Mitton Keynes 7, Besconsiled 8; Creant Merstinn 58, Chesham 0; Wheeley 11, Chinnor 17; Winsy 7, Drifters 3.

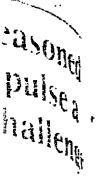
ley 11, Cannor 17; Wilney 7, Drifters 3.

NORTH: Courage Clubs Championship: First division: Bradiord and Bingley 34, Vale of Lune 8; Hartlepool Rovers 58, Wigton 0; Sandal 24, Hull Ionlans: 9; Tynedale 23, Michlestrough 8; Wharledale 22, Stockton 11; Wiches 21, Lymn 8. Second division: Birkeninsed Park 8, Huddershied 16; Haritar 19, Sandbach 0; Northwich 0, York 11; Old Chestiyans 13, Manchester 5; Wiggan 7, West Park Bramtinge 19; West Park Bramtinge 19; West Park Standbach 12, North West: First division: Ashton on Mersey 10, Chester 8;

Cocksmouth 9, Biackhum 3; Devenort 3, Macclestield 32; New Brighton 21, Caldy 3; Sodgley Park 9, Merseyelde Police 13; Wirrel 18, Egremont 5, Second division: Old Aldwinsins 3, Vagebonds 6; Old Saliens 10, Ricessender 9; South Liverpool 5, Crinsiste 25, Kirthy Lonedale 0, Old Saliens 10, Ricessender 9; South Liverpool 5, Crinsiste 25, Romensians 3; Workington 3, Richdele 0, North Esset Frat division: Bramley 5, Thomensians 3; Mondestrems 30, Getschead Fell 8; Novocestrems 12, Richder 9; Old Brodleins 15, Bisydon 13; Portistract 5, Selby 6; Roundhejians 3, Bridger 9; Old Brodleins 15, Berlop Auckland 8; Donasser 6, Cledification 0; Driffield 20, Westoe 5; Hull 5, Horden 0; Pripon 13, Beverley 0; Rodestit 8, Addism 0, Cumbrile and Lancestine North-Pusses 3, Oldern 11; Keswick 7, Videers 25; Moresby 7, St Bendicter 10; Tytidesley 3; Pentith 8; Upper Eden 12, Metrovick 8; Windermare 33, De la Salle (Bafford) 5, Chesitis and Lancestine South Aspall 8, Crowe and Namwich 27; Leigh 8, Old Particinens 10; Ruslen Park 8, Liverpool Collegiate 0; St Mary's Old Boys 8, Anthorism Kersal 10, Ourtarm and Northumberland; Destropool 22, Secham 15; Mowden Park 30, Corpett 8; Percy Park 6, Ryton 16; Sunderned 11, Quisborough 0; Whilby 27, West Hartlepool TDSOB 0.

MEDILANDS: Courage Chibs: Champ-lenship: First division: Bedworth 22, Vipers 0; Elimingham and Solihud 10, Derby 8; Learnington 21, Leighton Buz-zard 10; Menställd 6; Welvethermoton 3; Naverk 0, Camp Hill 6; Syston 11, Paviors 3; Westleigh 9; Berkers Button 24; Mestleigh 9; Grisslorr Keresley 8; Button 24; Mestlock 5; Broad Street 17; Moderns 8; Biggleswarts 11; Peterborough 3; Worcester 14; Staf-

tord 8, Whitchurch 3, First division east:
Dronfield 3, Chestartiald 3, Hotdiey 17,
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Battle of the sexes. Victorian style: George Gissing brought to the

stage in Manchester

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How much will posterity value MacMilian's Mayerling, now revived

at Covent Garden?



Light shines forth in the churches of tomorrow

ARCHITECTURE: New sacred buildings will be celebrated in a Venice Biennale show next month, reports

Marcus Binney

achievement or plain brutalist failure, sacred archi-Latecture is reviving. New churches of extraordinary beauty and originality are rising on both sides of the Atlantic, and as far away as Japan. Many share key characteristics: a brilliant handling of natural light (with all the religious symbolism that this implies), and an emphasis on natural materials and on achieving harmony with nature. With this goes a search into the past, both in buildings and scripture, not so much for stylistic cues as for elemental forms which have inspired worshippers through the ages.

New designs for sacred buildings — Christian, Jewish and Muslim — will be the theme of a major exhibition at the Venice Biennale, opening on December 4. It promises to be the most stimulating coverage of the subject for many years, and it is a subject that demands serious attention.

In Arkansas, for instance, the little chapel at Thorncrown, one of the touchstones of the movement, now attracts 300,000 people a year, though built for a congregation of 120. This is an architecture of pure simplicity, no more than a row of interlacing timber trusses enclosed by transparent glass walls. Maurice Jennings of the architects Fay Jones explains: "Our client was a retired schoolteacher who had made money from property and wanted to give something back to the community. All the building elements had to be light enough for two men to carry them through the woods."

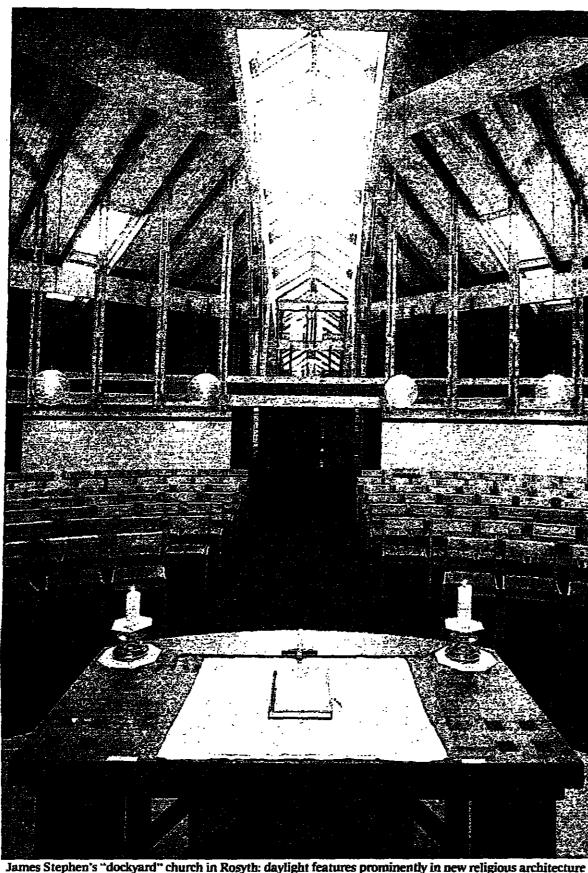
In upstate New York, the architect Norman Jaffé has built an inspiring new synagogue using only two materials: dolomite stone and Alaska yellow cedar. "I'd admired the Shinto shrines in Japan and discovered that the wood they use to rebuild them comes from northern Canada. It's almost white, with no grain but an intense scent. Our

carpenters were high on sawdust. Jaffe was also influenced by photo-graphs of a remarkable series of wooden synagogues in Poland, built in the years before and after 1900 and entirely destroyed by the Nazis. "Though a peasant architecture, it was amazingly sophisticated, mystical and transcendental. Light was used to create a feeling of heads lifting to the sky. We too wanted the simplicity and luminosity of a tent. Abraham was told by God to worship in a simple tent."

A numinous pilgrimage chapel has recently been completed at Knock in County Mayo. Following an apparition in 1879, the number of pilgrims has now risen to 1.25 million every year. John Meagher and his partner won the competition to design the chapel. "Our idea was not to create another church, but to build into the hill, partially covering the chapel with a grass roof. The only thing that matters in architecture is daylight and how you

The interior, on a simple square-insquare plan, is a progression from darkness to light. Up to 3,000 penitents pass through 60 confessionals in a service and, Meagher says, "go out cleansed into daylight which floods through the large clear glass lantern

above the sanctuary". Luminosity is the hallmark of the much acclaimed oratory at Grangeover-Sands in Cumbria by the archi-



tects Benson and Forsyth. The Augustinian sisters who run a nursing home here wanted a centrally placed chapel that would nonetheless have the feeling of a place apart. The oratory is a cylinder of the same internal dimensions as Bramante's Tempietto in Rome, erected to commemorate the crucifixion of St Peter. Gordon Benson also mentions a much earlier

precedent, now in the British Museum: a fifth-century ivory panel of the resurrection. "This shows the Holy Sepulchre as a two-storey cylinder," he says. The walls are completely luminous by day and night, enclosed with acid-etched white glass.

A search for forms that have archetypal power is a hallmark of Justus Dahinden, who many regard as the finest ecclesiastical architect at work today. His Maria Kronungskirche, near Zürich, has a roof suggestive of a vast cave lit by a single unexpected shaft of light from above. And in

'We wanted both simplicity and luminosity. God told Abraham to worship in a tent'

Scotland the architect James Stephen is rapidly making a name as a designer of boldly contemporary churches built of materials that are in sympathy with their surroundings. His new Catholic church in the dockyard at Rosyth makes extensive use inside of natural wood, and adopts a fan-shaped plan with seats in concentric rings. Outside the landscaping completes the circle. Intriguingly Quinlan Terry, architect of England's newest cathedral, the

Roman Catholic one at Brentwood, Essex, is one of those who may stay away from the Venice Biennale, with its multi-faith emphasis. As a committed Christian he finds it difficult to accept Christianity being presented as one of several religions. "The many-ways-to-God philosophy is not for me." he says.

He denies the very existence of sacred space. The idea of the Holy of Holies, a place on earth where the individual can be with God, is an Old Testament one. People still do not understand the freedom Christ gave us." Terry says he only accepted the Brentwood commission because the

bishop pressed him. "To me there is nothing special about a building with a cross on top. It's no different from a library or a town hall. It's just a building contract; we get sued if it's not done properly." But he adds: "Nothing gives me more pleasure than designing a pulpit. There's hope in what is preached."

In Paris, Peter Brook reworks Debussy's Pelléas. A disaster, says Rodney Milnes

his was a pretty rum evening, or une soirée de rhum joli, as they say around here. Impressions de Pelléas takes Debussy's Pelleus et Mélisande. cuts it down to one hour and 40 minutes, and accompanies it with two planos. Sometimes whole scenes are omitted the grotto and the derelicts, Yniold and the shepherd while others are shortened. harmfully in the case of Pelléas and Golaud in the castle vaults, and the painful finale to Act III, when Goland forces Yniold to spy on the lovers.

The opening intercuts Genevieve's letter with the meeting in the forest that it describes. but this promising collage idea is pursued no further. The piece ends not with Arkel's "C'est au tour de la pauvre penie", but peters out lamely alter his "mais la tristesse de mus ee que l'on voit".

So what we have here is nasically Pelleus on the principle of a Readers Digest abridged novel. A convenient.

Tragedy reduced to after-dinner charades

chorusless Pelléas that might be useful to a company such as Scottish Opera Go Round touring in the Outer Hebrides. But what on earth is it doing in Paris of all places? Answer: it has been devised by Peter Brook and Marius Constant and is playing in the same theatre as their pointless Tragédie de Carmen ten years ago. After the Bouffes du Nord season ends on January 23, it tours Europe, including the Glasgow Tramway.

There might be some point to the project if Brook were bringing astounding new insights to bear, but this is not the case. As his public pronouncements at the time of the Carmen travesty suggested, he has become dangerously out of



Pelléas: everyday adultery

touch with the world of opera. It has simply overtaken him. The action of his Pelleas opens with the principals in turn-of-the-century costume gathering around a grand piano amidst draped furni-

each other as the player tackles the prelude. They then drift into character, and we begin. I see; Pelléas as after-dinner charades in a country house. Thanks a lot.

Pierre Strosser's Lyons pro-duction, which came to the Edinburgh Festival in 1985. was also in turn-of-the-century costume and infinitely more interesting. That was the one in which Mélisande had short hair and didn't die but instead exited serenely through the French windows of the salon in which the action was set. Nothing remotely as startling happens here. The run is triple cast, and in each Mélisande is sung by an oriental soprano. bringing a touch of Mme

Chrysanthème/Butterfly that is not developed. Little Yniold watches every scene intently; and that's just about it.

The stars of the show are the tastefully distressed Bouffes du Nord itself: Jean Kalman, who lights it exquisitely, and little Clément Ducol as Yniold on the evening I attended - an elfin six or seven-year-old who alone supplied some sense of Maeterlinckian mystery. Otherwise, this was an everyday tale of bourgeois adultery, one at which the chic audience tittered when Mélisande lost her wedding ring and when Goland tormented Yniold — a sure sign that something has gone disastrously wrong with any Pelléas.

It would be nice to encounter some of the cast in a proper production, especially the beautifully enunciated Geneviève of the Dutch mezzo Sylvia Schlüter, the Canadian tenor Jean-François Lapointe (Pelléas), and Jungwon Park (Melisande). On the whole, then, pas beaucoup flic.

Mary's brain-child

WATCH out, Cliff Richard. The battle for Christmas record sales has been joined this year by Dr Mary Archer. the fragrant Renaissance woman of Grantchester. She has recorded 18 Christmas carols with the Salisbury Ca-thedral Girls' Choir and the Cambridgeshire Boys' Choir. who will be receiving some royalties from the record's sales, along with the Iris Fund. Dr Archer is no stranger to this repenoire: she is choir mistress in the local church and has also risen to the giddy height of president of the Guild of Church Musicians.

● A NEW departure for the British sculptor and last year's Turner prizewinner, Anish Kapoor: he is to create the designs for a dance show. Kapoor, best known for his enormous rock-like sandstone carvings, has been commissioned by the choreographer Laurie Booth to design the sets for Booth's new show, which opens in London in March and then tours nation-

But this marks the don's debut as a recording artist.

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ally. The show also features an "octophonic sound environ-ment" by the German sound artist Hans Peter Kuhn.

Soprano prize

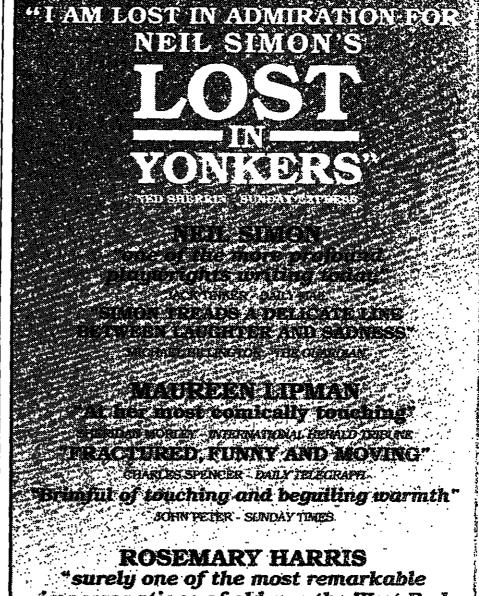
SCOTLAND's premier arts prize, the £10.000 Gulliver Award, has gone to the sopra-no Margaret Marshall. The award is made annually to a performing artist who has made an outstanding contrioution to Scottish cultural life. Marshall has remained loyal to Scottish Opera over a 20year career embracing performances in the major European opera houses.

Bye-bye, Banton IN THE competitive world of Jamaican ragga, or dance-hall reggae, 1992 has been the year of Buju Banton. Not everything in life is going way. Thanks to some allegedly

homophobic lyrics on a record called "Boom Bye-Bye", his invitation to appear at the Womad Winter Festival - at the Brighton Centre from December 4 to 6 - has been withdrawn. Asked by Womad to denounce his own song. Banton claimed that homesexuality ran counter to his religious beliefs. This response was deemed inadequare. In a clear case of poetic justice, Boy George will take his place.

Last chance . . .

ALBAN BERG's Wozeek is not for those who go to the opera for good tunes and good fun. But it lays fair claim to being the quintessential tragic opera of our century: a study of a simple soldier's degradation at the hands of his superiors. In David Pountney's stunning English National Opera pro-duction (London Coliseum. 071-836 3161, jast periormance Thursday), all is laid brutally explicit, and Berg's anguished score is superbly served by the conductor Richard Armstrong and the mag-nificent Donald Maxwell in



impersonations of old age the West End stage has seen for many years.

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HUDDERSFIELD: Hamson Birtwistle's

grussorié music theatre piece Bow Down, so a lest by Tony Hamsori based on an ancient bellad about two siders in love with the same man, is presented in a new production by

Graham Devin The programme also includes the first European staging of Parabols, a theatment of the story of Daedaus by the Australian-based Brush composer Andrew Ford St. Paul's Half (Contemporary Music Entired has affect of the 1990).

Festival box office: 0484 430808), 7 30pm

LEICESTER: Paul Kerryson brings the

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Cup sema-final against Germany, the
comety pays trebule to soccer tans and
to those who have to live with them.
Key Theatre, Embankment Road
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LONDON

PRINCESS IDA: Ken Russet's new staging of Gilbert and Sulfivan's wry look at women's education is the at women's education is the predictable carrig entraviganca. James Memietr's designs are spectagular, the oblightal scale is sale in the hands or conductor Jane Glover, and there is some five singing. But Russell's heavy-handed plang or one significaging on top of another palis very quickly. Colliseum. St Mann's Lana, WCZ (071-836 31611 comphit tomorrow, 7,30pm.

TENDER IS THE NORTH: Scandinguan week at the Barbican Po Members of the RSC give rehearsed readings of Enquisi's Rain Shakes H.C. Andersen tries to persuade parrons to end Water unwented traits at a temper dinner (tomorrow: 7 15pm). Burnt Night adapted by Paler Whelan from th the week, a performance of the classic Betwulf and performances of Berlman's Opera The Pft, Cartacan Cantra, Sife Street EC2 (071-538 7891)

JOSEPHINE: A musical play based on the cruberard, admirable like of Josephine Saligr. Dawn Hope stars BAC, Old Town Hell, Lavender Hill. SW11 (071-223 2223). Opens tonight, 8pm, then Tues-Sat, 8pm, Sun, 6pm. DMITRI ALEXEEV: The virtuoso Russian pianus clays Schumann's Aratieske in C. Shudes symphoniques, Schabin's Three Mazunas and Chopin's Sonala No J Wigmore Hall, Wigmore Speet, W1 1071-935 (141), 7,30pm.

E ASSASSINS: Sondheim's sharp and successful musical explores the impulse that causes no-hopers to kill. American Presidents Affection residents

Donmar Warehouse, Eartham Steet,
WC2 i071-867 1/150) Mort-Sat, T30pm
mats Thurs, Sat, 3pm, 105mms

DEATH AND THE MAIDEN: And Dorlman's scoreting anythological drama on the longing for revenge Penny Downie Dann, Webb and Hugh Ross make up the cast Duke of York's, St Martin & Lane, WC2 (071-636 5122), Mon-Sail Apm. mats Thurs, John Sat 4pm 120mms

TRUNS IN THE FAMILY: Larks in Li Tr RUNS IN THE HANDLY: Cares in the heaped common room, mation ouraged doctors flummoved Ray, Corney, targe and loss of laughts Playabours, Northumberland Avenue WCZ (971-838 4401) Man-Fn, 6pm, Sat, 8 30pm, mars Thurs, 3pm, Sat, 6 30pm 135mms

☐ AN IDEAL HUSBAND: Anna LI AN IDEAL PROSPANT: Anna Carlera, Hannan Gordon and Marin Shaw in Wilde's "insider dealing" metodrama. Some dated assumptions but shrishly done Globe. Shattesbury Evenue, W1 (071-494 50/56). Mort-Sau 7,45pm, mats. Trurs, 3pm, Sai, 4pm, 135mins

□ JUNE MOON: Naive songwiver conquers Tin Pan Alley, Delightful comedy by Ring Lardner and George S. Naulman, Excellent cast led by Adam Godley and Frank Lazarus Vaudaville, The Strand, WC2 (071-838 9987) Man-Sat, 7 45pm, mar Sat, 3pm ☐ KISS OF THE SPIDER WOMAN:

Tremendously gloss, production of the kander & Ebo musical it coarsens the values of Manuel Purg's novel but Chris Rivers makes a striking vamp Shaffesbury, Shaffesbury Avenue, WC2 (071-279 5399) Mion-Sai, 6pm mats Wed, Sai, 3pm, 160mms DILOST IN YONKERS: Terrific

performance by Rosemary Hams in a Net Simon comedy more weighty than reas arms comedy more weighty than usual Maureen Lpman gives good value as a loopy, auri.
Strand, Alchych, WC2 (071-930 8800)
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☐ MAKING IT BETTER: Lust. Treachery and arronnon revealed as an English couple harbour two Coerhosiovakon enlies. Jane Asher heads an encephonal cash in James Saunders's play.

NEW RELEASES

RAPID FIRE (16) Part con tholler, cart Director, Dwigh H Little MGM Haymarket (071-839 1527) MGM Oxford Street (071-536 0310).

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SMILES OF A SUMMER NIGHT (15) New port of Bergman's lovely, scinolating corredy about mismatched couples (1955). Starring Eva Dahlbeck, Bibl Andersson: As part of a Bergman season **Sarbican** (071-538 8891)

TETSUO II: BODYHAMMER: Quet lamily man mutales into metal-encrusted luting machine. Relentless monstrostly from Toryo entant tembre Shinya. Tsukamoto ICA (071-930 3847)

TODAY'S EVENTS

A daily guide to arts and entertainment compiled by Karl Knight

SICKERT: Since Sickert was lest shown events few in London, losses have changed. Though his early works, reflecting his cosmopolitan expensions with Whister and the Impressionars, have retained their loting status they have been more-singly joined of late by the once-despised work of his old age, based frequently on newspaper photographs or images from pop culture of the day This large show (134 works) gives ample opportunity to see 5 orth soles and revalue. Royal Academy of Arts. Piccacill, W1 (071-433 7438) Darly, 10am-6pm, until East 14 (095). Feb 14 1993

LEICLSTERT Paul Kerryson brings the Jers and Sharks logisther in West Sci-Sion, the Heymarket's Christmas show running until Jarrary 23 Kaymarket, Belgrave Gale (0533 539797: Presson longht, opena spronow, 7.30pm, then Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mais ilrom Dec 5) Wed, Sat, 4.30pm. **REGIONAL** BRADFORD: Stephen Daldry's version or An Inspector Calls is a powerful recurrection of Presidey's drama of PETERBOROUGH: Arihur Smith and Crims England's comedy An Evening With Gary Lineker, not panicularly favoured by our critic but which empoyed an econded run in the West End, is touring until the spring Set in a Majordan both on the Caracter Majordan. accal responsibility. Following its self-out run at the National, the play goes

countrywide Alhambra Theatre Morley Street (0274 752000) Tonight-Sal. 7 30pm mat Sat. 2 300m BIRMINGHAM: Nonhern band The Beautiful South offers Arics with a Beautiful South offers lyncs with a social consolence wrapped up in sweet, catchy pop tunes. Tomorow the group plays Wembley NEC Arena, Birmingham (021-730)

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journey and Pinterland with Harold himself and Paul Eddington as the two

stationg combatants Alimetida, Almonda Street, N1 (071-359 4404) Mon-Sar, 8pm, mar Sal, 4pm 105mms

OUR SONG: Peter () Toole in Keith

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E THREE BIRDS ALIGHTING ON A FIELD: Harnet Watter perfect again in revival of this subtle comic state-of-the-nation play, set in a world of shifting tables. 3 of charmentary attention. THEATRE GUIDE

values and plummeting art-prices. Royal Court. Sloane Square, SW1 (071-730 1745) Mon-Sat. Bpm. mat Sat. Apm 150mms TRAVELS WITH MY AUNT: Smon Cadell, John Wells, Richard Kane, Christopher Gee play all 86 parts, male and lemale, in Glies Haverpal's manellous adaptation of Graham

narewords application of cramem Greene's novel Wymdham's, Channg Crass Read, VC2 (071-967 1110). Mon-Fn, 8pm, Sar, 5 15pm; mals Wed, 3pm, Sar, 5pm 140mms. 140mms

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THEATRE: Jeremy Kingston on an adaptation of a Gissing novel in Manchester

Humouring the social discontent

ABOVE the stage the foliage on a large branch of maple is exotically red. The branch is lowered for scenes of courtship in a London park, but what comes to mind is Japan, where one of the young men in the play has spent some time. The Japanese, he remarks, are not mechanically minded (this is the 1890s) and the wives are ruled by their husbands to a degree English women would not tolerate.

Rhoda Nunn, the play's strong woman, would toast an English husband to a crisp, and the second notable item in Johanna Bryant's set shows Rhoda's alternative to courtship and marriage: a double line of schoolroom desks, each topped with one of the new "typewriting machines", where young women are taught a skill to earn themselves a decent wage. Inevitably. Rhoda finds herself

Monica, paid £15 a year for an 80hour week as a shop assistant, reluctantly sees marriage as her only way off the treadmill and accepts a polite but odious man twice her age.

brushed by the wings of love, but she

can afford the luxury of choice. Young

Michael Meyer has fashioned this play out of a novel by George Gissing.

The Odd Women Royal Exchange, Manchester

whose literary reputation today. 90 years after his death, is that of a poverty-stricken writer who wrote about poverty, titled one of his novels New Gruh Street and died youngish. He also married his third wife bigamously in Rouen cathedral, which suggests an unconventional regard for society and a sense of humour too. Ignorant of Gissing's work, I was

surprised by the humour in his writing; and after Meyer's exposition scenes which are rather obviously an adaptation, or else a tribute to lbsen - a scene between Monica and her unwed sisters turns the mood on a single line. The play lives as a play in its own right; Meyer shapes the scenes for dramatic effect and to tease and satisfy the longing to know what happens next. With which young man will Monica inevitably fall in love? Will the false accusations be disposed of before they spoil another's life?



Watered silk: Sorcha Cusack plays the gentle teacher, Mary Barfoot

The play provides a picture of social discontent and war between the sexes. It is a picture that we know best, in its English form at least, from the plays of Shaw, where it is tainted by his sexual silliness. Gissing is level-headed and his lighter touches do not trivialise the conflict, but enlarge understanding of the characters. Visiting an artist's studio. Lucy Scott's Monica finds erotic feelings well up inside her, and her amazed acknowledgement is both

touching and funny. Braham Murray's direction, firm and to the point, also suggests the activity of a party although only two people are speaking. In a fine cast, Sean Arnold plays the jealous lover and Paul Higgins is an ardent lover. Sorcha Cusack is the gentler teacher Mary Barfoot, wavering in watered silk, and Lorraine Ashbourne gives Rhoda brusqueness, passion and a laugh like a well-bred

Sourness to savour

Elisabeth II Gate, Notting Hill

THE complaints of an 87-year-old Austrian magnate, confined to a wheelchair, crabbed and selfish, are not obvious ingredients for a riveting evening at the theatre. As Julian Curry. whey-faced, beak-nosed, launches into the second or third of Herr Herrenstein's tirades, denouncing his stupid family, the odious company of the Viennese, or any other subject that floats into his peevish mind, an uneasy calm settles on the house.

Then an extraordinary shift of feeling occurs. Herrenstein is so totally opposed to everything. The monologues become hilarious and Curry delivers them with marvellously sour

Thomas Bernhard (1931-1989) detested his native country so vehemently that his will forbids any performance of his plays there. With this in mind, one can see the character of his crippled millionaire as a cunningly self-mocking portrait that solves the problem of how to make rage palatable over two acts. Herrenstein's house overlooks the Ringstrasse, where The Queen is due to pass on her first state visit to Vienna. His (odious) nephew has invited friends to watch from the balcony, and 32 people eventually crowd on to the Gate's stage where David Fielding's tight mass of black-suited figures against Curry in his furious isolation.



Though speaking only in reply to. their employer, Ian Gelder's servant Richard, never relaxing his faint smile, and Merelina Kendall's desperate direction dextrously balances their Curry's dreadfully mesmeric old man.

TELEVISION: Ken Russell's latest

When a director also takes the leading role

KEN Russell's middle name is indulgence: on screen, he routinely gives free rein to whimsy, with occasionally ludicrous results (for details, see The Lair of the White Worm). The critics, meanwhile, allow him his foibles. Yes, they say, we know the film is terrible but — well, it's Ken, the acceptable face of the avant-garde, an institution as much as a performer.

Thus, Melvyn Bragg introduced Russell's South Bank Show Special (ITV) last night on the romantic British composer. Sir Arnold Bax, with the indulgent grin of an uncle who is about to show the yawning neighbours a home movie made by his "gifted" nephew. The television archive of modern arts had allowed Russell to let rip - and to play the lead.

What followed looked like an extended rehearsal for a relevision drama. though not an uninteresting one. As before in Russell's work, the film thesis was that great musicians lead peculiar lives, sandwiched between public acclaim and a despairing sense of inadequacy. In Bax's case, the pursuit of women was the canvas on which he eu nis ow i dsychological diamas committing himself repeatedly to relationships with unhappy endings. Russell's exploration of this fairly

miserable existence trailed Bax from the viewing room, where he watched the films whose scores he composed, to the beach where he unburdened his pathetic woes to a new and powerful mistress. "You're looking at a desperate man," he mused, informing her in the next breath that there was "something nymphlike" about her.

Elevating his lover to the status of goddess, he was really most interested in strip-tease itself and, more importantly, how to reconcile his base impulses with artistic high-mindedness. The most sympathetic scene had Bax in a train carriage meeting a preny young admirer who promised to practise his piano sonato until she reached "some degree of competence". For once, attraction and respect for genius had fused. There was genuine poignancy in the splendid scenes with Glenda Jackson as Bax's middle-aged lover, her "final" acting role. Russell himself has since married

Herry Baynes, the actress who played his younger mistress and is now expecting his child. There was a sense in this curious, fragmentary work that the viewer was eavesdropping on entirely private affair.

MATTHEW D'ANCONA

DANCE

Sensuality hovers between two rival camps

ELISA Monte and her company have been around in the United States for 12 years, touring widely and even occasionally visiting us. Monte has an outstanding gift for creating sensuous shapes, sustained in fluid sentences. Yet she has not had much impact here. Perhaps she does not fall into either

of the two extreme camps of contemporary choreography we now find familiar. She has neither the highprincipled pure dance emphasis of many other Americans, nor the bruising, anguished movement concerns of continental Europeans. She belongs in between, with emotions and ideas expressed through dancerly dance rather than raw move-

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ments. This works best when she keeps her approach simple, such as in the two duets included here. Absolute Rule lived up to its title when at the end the man (William Elias) asserted his dominion over the woman (Emanuele Phuon). It also gave full rein to Monte's liking for symmetry, one dancer repeating or mirroring the

Elisa Monte Derngate, Northampton

more supple was Danita Ridout in the other duet, the wonderful Treading, where feet seem to walk on air and bodies hover. By contrast, her partner, David Brown (co-choreographer of Absolute Rule) lacked ease and preci-

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sion. But Treading, choreographed in 1979. is virtually dancer-proof. In Monte's more elaborate pieces, the choreography becomes burdened

other; and it dis-played the beautiful

clarity of Phuon's ex-

tended limbs. Even

with shadowy illusions. Last Tempta-tion embroils its cast in a turgid Faustian drama Broken Journey looked half-baked. And the inscrutable Dreamtime highlighted just how dream-like, idiosyncratic and sometimes downright weird Monte's work is. But she also repeatedly produces real choreographic finds. Her ten dancers mostly serve these well, far better than the classico-modern, processed recorded music from David van Tieghem and others.

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Jhn Percival on the Royal Ballet's revival of Mayerling, crated by Sir Kenneth MacMillan, who died last month

he shock of Sir Kenneth MacMillan's dying dur-ing the opening night of the current Covent Garden reval of his Mayerling has prompd thoughts of where Mayerng ranks among his works, and were they, as a whole, are likely tetand in the repertoire ten, 20, 50 ears from now.

The issing years have not so far provoki any major revision of views igned when Mayerling was createdn 1978; most people then though (as I did) that the overwhelmig role for the protagonist, combind with gripping parts for at least three of the women surprised him. roundig him, made up for the fact that theorie was over-long, with a good eal of padding, and not always ery clear. Drastic surgery might ave been a great benefit, and theminor cuts MacMillan did make his time the proportions. make his time (the snowballing episore and the tiresome song at Franciser's birthday party) are not enough Another weakness is that the sort assembled by John Lanchbery om bits and pieces of Liszt is patch and could do with more vivid:limaxes

Alhe same, Mayerling seems to me rguably the best of MacMil-lan'sfull-evening works. Nowhere else perhaps, was his passion for inncative hazardous manoeuvres in is duets put to such vivid psycological use as in Prince Rudif's terrifying treatment of his unictunate bride on their weidding night or the scenes is which nigh or the scenes in which Rudif and his new young mistress, Mar Vetsera, explore their joint

obscion with a Liebestod. Fothis, for the conviction of the scent involving the couniving ex-mistss Marie Larisch, for some incidntal moments of bright youtful hope along the way, and above all for the immense power, scope variety and intensity in the central role, we put up with the comicopera emperor, prime minister ad Hungarian plotters, the calunnification of the empress's charater, and the almost derisory choregraphy for the corps de balletin their few appearances.

You win some, you lose some.

Just when British scientists

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Why, then, has Mayerling been given so rarely? It was absent from the boards since 1986, and clocked up only 59 performances before that, spread over a nine-year period. At Covent Garden, only the bestsellers are seen frequently, and for ballet that has meant, in recent years, the 19th-century classics plus Ashton's La Fille mal gardée and Cinderella and MacMillan's Ro-meo and Juliet and Manon. Mayerling was perhaps too dark in mood to join them; and, besides, casting it was not easy.

'The prospects for more than a small selection cannot be good'

My earlier description of the partnering as hazardous was not meant metaphorically, it presents real physical strain, with the hero's partners leaping at him, swinging round his neck, held behind his back, lifted and tumbled fiercely. The role needs a performer who can not only manage this, but dance with as much expressiveness as power, and act, too. When the ballet was new, David Wall and Stephen Jefferies both gave towering performances as Prince Rudolf. ressive dramatically and physically. Only now has a new genera-tion emerged to rival, although by no means to surpass them.

We have seen three new Rudolfs. Irek Mukhamedov gave the most rounded and fully-charged periormance, convincing in itself and reaching a strong dramatic rapport with Viviana Durante's sexy, frighteningly obsessive Vetsera and Les-ley Collier's slyly smiling Larisch. Zoltan Solymosi proved more un-even; strangely jokey in early scenes, at his best as the wild degenerate of the last act. Learne Benjamin, his Vetsera, gave her dancing something of the madness

with which Lynn Seymour originally filled the role.

The surprise among the casts was young Michael Nunn's touching account of Rudolf, lacking only a little more force to sustain its best level throughout, but supple in movement and unusually expressive in his solo at the birthday party. His Vetsera, also good, was Gillian Revie in her first major role. With this influx of new blood,

will Mayerling strengthen its foothold in the repertoire? Or will it sink into oblivion, like two other long ballets by MacMillan, isadora and Anastasia? The factors that have held it back so far still apply. Apart from anything else, no company can afford to subject its leading men, however strong, to such strain too often.

And with MacMillan gone, what hope is there of the editing that could strengthen the ballet's good points and eliminate its weakness es? Everyone feels free to change the choreography of Petipa or Bournenville, great masters of an earlier century; is it respect or only copyright that protects their success sors from a similar process?

eanwhile, MacMillan's artistic legacy will have to take its chance of survival against the caprices of changing tasta. Some of his best ballets (Song of the Earth, Requiem and Gloria) are costly to stage because they need a costly to stage because they need a costly to stage because they need a costly to stage because they need the beautiful to the cost of the stage of the s singers. Other works of his have lasted almost 40 years and are still popular; but will people think of when he is not there to remind

Judging by the way most of Ashton's ballets have been neglected since his death, the prospects for more than a small selection of MacMillan's cannot be good. It is a gloomy thought that Covent Garden had already withdrawn his recent Prince of the Pagodas from this season's programmes for fear of poor box-office results. It will be a crying shame if the Royal Ballet loses too much of its heritage.



Viviana Durante and Irek Mukhamedov: "Prince Rudolf and his new young mistress, Mary Vetsera, explore their joint obsession" in the late Sir Kenneth MacMillan's Mayerling

CINEMA: Geoff Brown welcomes the decision to make Britain a member of Eurimages

Late joining in the party



Happy partners: director István Szabó (front, left), Glenn Close and Niels Arestrup (front, right) with the cast of Meeting Venus

There ought to be more

bridge University don who has

gained himself renown for

presuming to finish Mozart's unfinished choral master-

pieces. He willingly puts his head on the block, but his

musical involvement is not

simply cerebral. He also con-

ducts his own small profes-sional band, the Cambridge

As if that were not enough.

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next year, after payment of the yearly subscription (around £2 million), Britain will be a full member. In February, we will also be able to observe the group's next meeting in Strasbourg, when funds from Eurimages subscriptions will begin

to be allocated. "We feel very positive about it," declared Kim Ballard, finance director of British Screen, whose chief pament that the government executive Simon Perry had been .

lobbying fiercely for Eurimages membership as a simple and relatively inexpensive way to stimulate British film production. "It's tremendous news," said Wilf Ste-venson, director of the British Film Institute, "both in itself and hecause it might signal other fiscal initiatives in the next few months. This is the biggest change in government thinking on the film

One possible reason for the change is that, month by month, Britain's isolation grew increasingly untenable, especially after Ire-land joined and earned the right to use Eurimages funds for Englishlanguage productions, while our disadvantaged film-makers gnashed their teeth. The looming presence of the European Convention on Cinematographic Co-productions also helped.

There is also, possibly, the Orlando factor. Sally Potter's film of Virginia Woolf's novel, an entry at Venice this September, was denied Eurimages funding, though co-production partners France and the Netherlands were Eurimages members. Some observers believe this might have been a political decision, designed to jolt Britain, the film's lead co-producer, into

But chiefly, the change is the direct result of persistent lobbying over the years by an industry eager to move into Europe but pulled back by lack of means. The removal of the film portfolio from the Department of Trade and Industry to the new Department of National Heritage probably eased the way, too. With Eurimages funding, Brit-ish producers can at least start in the race for film financing from the same position as our neighbours. Eurimages has potentially some £17½ million available each year to help in the making and distribu-tion of co-produced features and "creative documentaries".

efore we uncork the champagne, two thoughts de-mand utterance. The world has already seen too many "Europudding" films, with actors from all nations trapped in limbo. David Puttnam's production of Istvan Szabó's Meeting Venus presented one ingenious solution, but we obviously cannot expect more than one film about the struggles of a multi-national opera company.

Once a convincing European coproduction is made, another hurdle lies ahead: British distribution. Hollywood rules throughout the world's cinemas, and the present recession makes it harder than ever for art-house or European product to find a niche with a British distributor. But enough caveats. The government has offered filmmakers a helping hand. Now, shall I fill your glass, Sir Richard?

CONCERTS

An opera house as if by magic

can's "Tender is the North" really was born as a festival. On Saturday, in a true event, typical of this festival's big thinking. the Barbican Hall.

With extraordinary virtuosity of idea (Elisabeth Söderström). scripting (Ture Rangström), design (Lars-Ake Thessman) and direction (Ivo Cramér), the 18thcentury Drottningholm Court Theatre was recreated. A skeleton wooden frame bared its original mechanisms: the replica Gustavian sets slid into their trompe l'oeil perspectives. The costumed, bewigged Drottningholm Baroque Ensemble, conducted robustly by Thomas Schuback, even brought their own music stands.

It was thanks to the assassination of King Gustav III (at the Masked Ball immortalised by Verdi) that the theatre is the perfectly preserved working model that it is today. The first half of the evening took us from its birth to curtain-down in 1792: the second celebrated its reawakening, in 1921, and the re-creation of its repertoire to the

Söderström re-created, most revealingly, the character of Queen Louisa Ulrika, King Gustav's German mother. She it was who, in her desire to bring Kultur to the poor benighted Swedes, infected her son with an obsessive love of the theatre

which was to lead to his downfall. The overview of the theatre's subsequent activity, in extracts from home-grown Gustavian opera and ballet to a substantial and exquisitely staged scene from Handel's II pastor fido, made for a ravishing second half. With Söderström as Drottningholm's new director, the revels are by no means ended.

ust three days earlier, the Barbican had been host to another major event: the British premiere of the complete score of Grieg's Peer Gynt, played by the Gothenburg Symphony Orchestra under Neeme Järvi within an outstanding new adaptation and translation of Ibsen's play, commis-sioned by the Barbican from Laurence Howes.

Here were Grieg's 26 pieces in the order in which they appeared in his original 1875 version; here was "Morning", "The Hall of the Mountain King" and "Anitra's Dance" born again in their true context; here was the spoken word, hearty and heart-felt, sardonic and sensual, in the mouths of Simon Callow (Peer Gynt), Gerard Murphy (Boyg and Narrator) and Joanne Pearce (Anitra).

Grieg had wanted the Halling to sound from afar. Knut Buen and

his Hardanger fiddle obliged. He had wanted heaven and earth to crumble at the end of the Troll hunt: with the Gothenburg Orches tra and the shrieks of the Tallis Chamber Choir they certainly did. Barbara Bonney sang Solveig as if the music had just been created: Hakan Hagegard excelled in Peer's ambivalent Serenade, and Susan Engel was as moving as his mother, Ase, as were the strings.

The City of Birmingham Sym phony Orchestra's second Nielsen concert on Friday, with Simon Rattle conducting flaming performances of the Second and Fourth Symphonies, was an event in itself. With five rehearsals per concert. and the vision and conviction to realise the greatness in this music, Rattle has lifted the festival's orchestral programming to a new

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constituent parts slot easily together.
The player, however, has a

he has lately turned his versatile arm towards another enterprise, instrument building. The bright concert he conducttrickier problem to overcome. Fortepianos demand the most delicate touch from the fined at Cambridge University Music School on Thursday gers; feet, especially when featured his handsome, sweetshod, cannot reproduce such sounding replica of a finesse. So David Rowland, fortepiano by Anton Walter the soloist, sensibly reserved owned by Mozart. But on this the pedal contributions for occasion an intriguing addithose moments when, on a tion to the instrument made its simple instrument, the left public bow. Leopold Mozart apparently refers to a fortepiano with a pedal dehand might come crashing down on bass notes. Mozart, unless he possessed curiously partment being present on the agile toes and played barefoot. platform for the premieres of must surely have done the his son's concertos in D minor same thing.

The overall effect in Rowland's opener (without orchestra), the C minor Fantasia, K475, was to make a grandpiece a touch grander, more public. Maunder's pedal section has a deep and lovely resonance which complements the mellow, satin qualities of what stands above it. Rowland showed himself to be an excellent, confident player both here and in the C major Concerto, K466, where he understood both the rhetoric

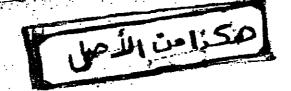
and, in Maunder's delicious slow movement elaborations, the romance of the piece. The orchestra - based on only four first desk violinists - sounded ropy at times, but both here and in Mozart's Symphony No 41 it was obvious that Maunder's spirit had infected them thoroughly.

The previous evening, at the Wigmore Hall, the French baroque group Les Arts Florissants made a typically distinctive and elegant contribution to the Gala Reopening Festival. This was a tale of the exquisite, sensual intimacy of airs de coeur by the 17thcentury composer Michel Lambert and the versatile accomplishments of his great contemporary Marc-Antoine Charpentier, whose music the group's director, William Christie, has done more than anyone to rehabilitate.

Charpentier's work, as extracts from the operas Acteon and Les Arts Florissants proved, genuinely touches the heart. These, together with the hilarious self-parody of the Intermède nouveau for Le Mariage force, a couple of airs a boire and the three lovely airs on stanzas from Le Cid. put the single example of Lully, an extract from Anys, rather in the shade. Agnès Mellon, Françoise Semellaz, Valérie Picard, Mark Padmore, Stephen van Dyck and Jerome Correas, all at one with this very particular style, shared the singing.

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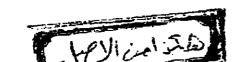
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EDUCATION

Why the NCC failed to deliver

The National Curriculum Council took too much power into too few hands,

as its chairman's book shows, argues Michael Fallon

f the more exotic blooms in the overheated greenhouse of late Thatcherism, none was stranger — to a Conservative — than the National Curriculum. Here was a government devoted to pluralism, not least to breaking the council monopoly of state schooling, yet insisting on centralising its teaching.

Kenneth Baker, the principal ar-chitect of the National Curriculum, had powerful arguments in its favour. Children could pass through our grimmer comprehensives without doing any science or a modern language. In too many inner city primary schools, subject-teaching had all but disappeared.

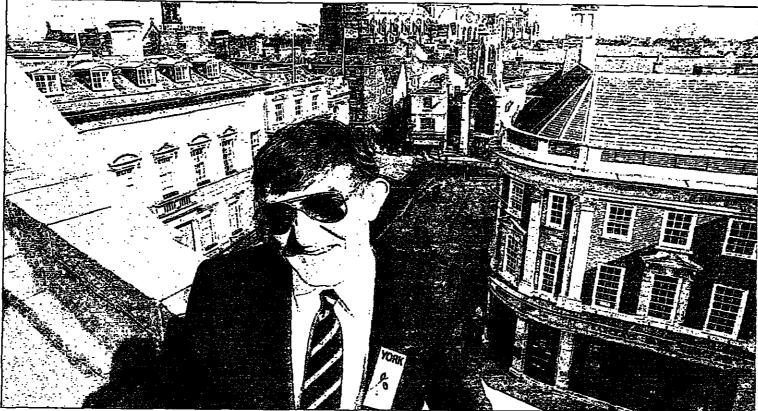
But few foresaw how quickly Parliament's insistence that the basics be taught and tested would be translated into centralised prescription and assessment of every iota of the curriculum.

What were once pupils, studies and tests became "age-weighted units". "SATS", "Key Stages One to Four", "attainment targets" and "Levels One to Ten". Two overweening bureaucracies, the National Curricu-lum Council (NCC) and the School Examinations and Assessment Council (SEAC), saddled the new curriculum with a panoply of working-groups, committees, panels and co-ordinators. In place of doubt, there were ever more expensive pro-grammes of research to "monitor"

and "evaluate" every new complexity. Mr Baker compounded these horrors. Far too much detail was written into the primary legislation itself, leaving his successors little room to make it more manageable. And he magnanimously appointed to both the NCC and SEAC too many of those who had collaborated in the decline of the 1970s and early 1980s.

Thus was a monster created. The subject lobbies fought for equal time and space for the ten statutory subjects. Within each subject, compening ideologies fought each other. knowledge against understanding, facts against skills. To already over-burdened "programmes of study"

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Defending the faith: Duncan Graham saw earlier than most that the curriculum would be swamped by too many compulsory subjects

and too numerous "attainment targets" the NCC added cross-curricular themes" embracing health education, careers guidance and "economic and industrial understanding".

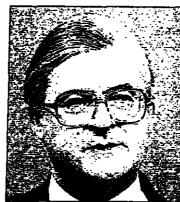
As the NCC's chairman and chief

executive. Duncan Graham was in charge of this mess. Four years and hundreds of millions of pounds later. he concludes in his book, A Lesson for us All, that "there is little evidence of

active harm".

Did ministers interfere? We certainly did. We were the ones visiting schools that were snowed under by NCC and SEAC paperwork. More important, if Parliament had not reserved the final decision on the shape of each subject to the Secretary of State, we would have seen history redefined as current affairs, geography covering politics but not places, and English shorn of grammar but including Monty Python.

Above all, we fought to simplify, to clarify, to reduce almost everything the NCC proposed. And the minister who interfered most effectively of all was neither John MacGregor nor Kenneth Clarke (who is the principal villain of Mr Graham's book) but John Major: the curriculum, he ruled, should be "a framework, not a straitiacket", and schools should have more choice about how to apply it.



Kenneth Baker: central planner

The biggest problem was time. To Duncan Graham's credit, he saw earlier than most that ten fullyfledged compulsory subjects would overflow the timetable and cripple proper preparation for either academic or technical qualifications. However, he failed to get a grip of his council or to keep up with ministerial thinking on how to tackle this

Mr Clarke crucially lightened the load after age 14, allowing pupils to choose subjects now "unbanned": a second modern language, real English literature, the classics, some

cation?

Did ministers interfere? Yes. Otherwise history would have been current affairs, and geography would be politics not places

serious science. And the return to rigour in primary schools should leave no room for compulsory ballet or media studies. It is the crucial years from 11 to 14, when children's talents and aptitudes begin to emerge, that now need a hefty dose of ministerial "interference"

Of course, there have been some gains. Girls should do science, and all of us need some grasp of another language. An unbalanced curricu-lum, fossilised in time, only accentuates the artificial separation of the arts and the sciences that is seen in too many independent schools.

Indeed a society which lacks any collectively agreed core curriculum is well on its way to cultural disintegra-tion. But a society that entrusts this curriculum solely to the state and its apparatus will advance no further than Sparta or Prussia. On the contrary, the growing diversity of the school system is a better safeguard or

the common core.

It is not enough for a "national" curriculum to be "broad and balanced", in Mr Baker's talismanic prescription, if it fails to embrace the wider liberal and humane tradition of our learning.

Mr Graham may have been Mr Baker's principal pharmacist. but he need not have rushed out this defence. He has now served two education quangos as chief exec-utive: Humberside county council and the National Curriculum Council. Both are now scheduled for abolition.

Their creators, Peter Walker and Mr Baker, the champion planners of the Conservative party, should reflect on why neither of them delivered the

 The author is a former education minister. A Lesson for us All by Duncan Graham with David Tytler, is published by Routledge at £12.99.

Oh for a song to sing O!

airs from that infernal nonsense. Pinalore ? Precious few. As 1992 marks the 150th birthday of Sir Ar-thur Sullivan, this is an ideal time to revive Gilbert and Sullivan productions in schools. The educational gain would be considerable.

As a precocious six-yearold. I was the only child in the class to know the meaning of the word "elliptical" when the teacher used it in connection with the earth's orbit Why? I had seen The Mikado at the school where my father taught. That schoolboy Mikado lingered lovingly over "elliptical bil-liard balls" and grandilo-

quently mimed the shape. Gilbert's libretti are rich in VIEWPOINT vocabulary, as well as being fun. He loved juxtaposing the pompous

words with simple syno-nyms, so as the script or song rattles along. one is left in no doubt what the words mean. The operet-

tas also contain insights into social and polhistory.

The plot of HMS Pinafore is a satire on 19th-century class barriers. Perhaps "Love can level ranks", but actually you can only "marry a wife / In your own rank of life". Birth is all. Education and training don't count. The policemen whose loss were unhappy. the openly corrupt judiciary "all my law is fudge / Yet I'll never never budge") of Trial by Jury and the peculiarities of inheritance law which underpins Ruddigore are all

investigating. Education is about widening horizons, and a sense of history and change is vital to it. There is abundant material for debate here. comparing Victorian attitudes with today's. Sir Jo-seph Porter of HMS Pinafore (1879) is a send-up of W.H. Smith, the bookseller. created First Lord of the Admiralty by Disraeli, Just like Spitting Image really. Sir Joseph famously patters: I always voted at my party's call And I never thought of

thinking for myself at all I thought so linte they rewarded me . . What superb and timeless

social observation.

also has much to offer. He style, sometimes so well that it almost surpasses the original. The finale of Act I of Yeomen of the Guard would not be out of place in a Verdi opera, perhaps !! Trovatore. The consternation evoked by Sullivan's music as it dawns on the guard that the condemned man has escaped from the Tower is remarkable. And Mabel's show-piece aria Poor wand ring One in The Firates of Penzance is so close to The Magic Flute that it forms a Victorian critique of Mozant's operatic style. There is plenty here for the music curriculum. I remember vividly the superb Gilbert and Sullivan

productions at Alleyn's School in the 1960s. Derek Seaton's 17-year-old performance as Koko remains the funniest t have ever seen. Over the years I've seen many excellent G & S operettas in have rejoiced in the learning history, politics, English, music that stems

Susan Elkin

from them. But Gilbert and Sullivan are out of fashion. Schools are choosing Bugsy Malone. Annie, Greuse and other American ephemera for their annual shows. Try as I might. I can find no linguistic or musical interest in these. The words are banal and - dare I say? - sometimes ungrammatical. They encourage sloppy diction. often in an inauthentic mid-Western drawl. The repetitive and unmemorable music has to be crooned from the thmat into a microphone. These "musicals" lack both depth and quality. One or two professional companies are mounting new productions of Savoy Operas this year to honour Sullivan's centenary-and-ahalf. I doubt anyone will want to exhume Grease in 130 years' time.

So, I urge schools to follow the example of English National Opera and the New D'Oyly Carte, Gilbert and Sullivan's gems are part of the English heritage, and our children are entitled to experience them. What more enjoyable way could there be to investigate "cross-curricular themes"?

Competition is not all for the best

Mid-Wales is losing an education director who feels out of tune with new methods being imposed by government

isillusionment with maintained status as a blind government policy ex-emplified in last week's examination league tables is forcing Robert Bevan, Powys's director of education. to leave his post after 25 years managing schools and colloges in mid-Wales.

He announced his decision on the day the Welsh office unveiled its table of authorities' examination results. Powys obtained the best GCSE results in Wales: 94 per cent of pupils passed at least one subject. But despite this Mr Bevan objects to league tables because they do not take into account pupils backgrounds or schools' catchment areas. For him, they present "a simplishe view of success" and are symbolic of the market forces the government is imposing upon education.

"When I started there was a very different climate," he recalls. "Education was a service, and the watchword was co-operation between schools. and between schools and their local education authority. "Now it is all about competi-

tion, with schools fighting each other for pupils and resources. Competition is undoubtedly valuable in areas such as sport. But co-operation is a hetter way of getting the best from people and resources in education.

"Children's life chances are at risk, and my fear is that in this competitive climate those least able to look after themselves, such as the disabled or those with special needs. will go to the wall."

Mr Bevan is convinced that many of the government's reforms are impractical in nural counties like Powys.

"Issues such as parental choice are meaningless political gimmicks when secondary schools are 25 miles apart, as ours are because choice is available only to those parents able to meet the expensive

travelling costs." Similarly, he regards grantalley", hindering the ability of education authorities to dispense with expensive surplus places. No schools in Powys have opted out, although John Beddoes High School, Pres-teigne, considered the idea some years ago.

At primary level, a small village school at Llanerfyl. with 35 pupils, is investigating grant-maintained status as an alternative to closure. The fate



Experience lost: Robert Bevan, education director

could be in the balance in future, as formular funding has highlighted the considerable expense of keeping such schools open. Many of Powys's 114 primaries are in this category, and Mr Bevan fears that local management of schools could accelerate the demise of some, as schools are made to compete more keenly

for resources. Mr Bevan does not oppose all the government's ideas. He agrees that the National Curriculum is a good thing, and that appraisal of teachers is necessary. Yet one aspect of the National Curriculum discresses him: the idea of testing children at seven. He recognises the value of assessment to

discover what children have learnt. But he worries that formal tests will come to dominate classroom practice as in the old 11-plus days, with teachers concentrating only on topics that will be assessed, at the expense of other, equally important subject areas.

After a quarter of a century running education. Mr Bevan bows out "disappointed" with the government. "Its marketplace philosophy is not to my taste," he says. And for that reason he is stepping down to enable someone else to steer Powys's schools through the

choppy waters of competition. That person will not be Mr Bevan's current deputy. Alun Evans, for he is also taking early retirement. He too is dissatisfied with the government's approach to education. "I do not agree with the recent white paper, because it undermines local education authorities." he says. But the principal reason for his departure is the change of emphasis being forced on Powys's education

department.
Education authorities have had to reconsider their role under local management of schools with its increasing delegation of money and power to individual schools. In Powys, this is resulting in the education department having to become more marketingorientated, because from next April it will have to sell many of the centrally-provided ser-vices it currently offers free.

"Schools will have to buy in the expertise of our subject advisers, peripatetic music teachers and welfare officers," Mr Evans says.

This approach is very different from the traditional duties of an education department. "Had the department remained as it was. I would have considered staying," Mr Evans admits. "But with the major reorganisation, it is

Training to be better parents makes for better children



Helping hand: the prime responsibility for a child's education resides in the home

parental participation in a child's education is a popular theme of the moment. But how are parents supposed to become involved? How should they contribute to their own children's edu-In Britain today it boils

down to parent-governors, parent-teacher associations, parent evenings, and trying to supplement the teachers' efforts in reading, writing or perhaps computers. All of that may be helpful to the child's education, but on the other hand increasingly professional teachers are becoming a bit fed up with parents trying to tell them their job. The teach-ers may well ask: "Why don't parents do their own job by their own children and leave us to get on with ours?"

But what is the parents' job with their own children, and what should parental involvement in a child's education really mean? At a conference near Milan

a few weeks ago, sponsored by the European Parents Associ-ation, delegates were reminded about the parental role and - more importantly - shown how parents can really be helped to contribute to their children's education. I for one was so impressed that I shall be introducing pilot courses for a "School for Parents" here in Britain.

The prime responsibility for a child's education remains the parents' - not the teachers' and certainly not the state's. Most parents delegate their responsibility for formal education to teachers, but that leaves intact their prime role in the education of their children, and let's face it, children are in their parents' care for far more IOLA SMITH | time than they are in school.

Parents can be teachers too

It is the parents' job to teach children self-discipline, moral values (spiritual values as well. I hope), courtesy, how to treat others, kindness, integrity. how to speak coherently, sexual anitudes, and much, much more. But as parents many of us have forgotten how to do this, if we ever knew.

Of the approaches suggested at the Milan conference, the most effective was a 'school for parents" devised by Professor David Isaacs, an Englishman who is professor of education at the University of Navarra in Spain. This would use parent evenings. those "social" gatherings, to far greater effect.

The "school" brings together parents, no more than eight or so at a time, for two evenings a month for six months, with homework to be done between meetings. Full documentation for the course has been written by Professor Isaacs and his colleagues, and already mied out in some countries. It can readily be adapted to British culture and requirements. It will be printed and published here in

Each module is pursued first through instructional material, and then followed by the

most interesting and lively part of the course: discussions of actual case-studies. During the course, parents rediscover their roles as educators of their children, and couples may rediscover themselves too. Most importantly, they now have guidance on how to go about it. For example, a casestudy covers a difficult and withdrawn child, and leads the parents to think for themselves how they would overcome such a difficulty.

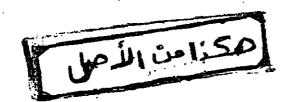
Another familiar question is how to deal with a child's developing awareness of sexuality, and how a parent should use such awareness to best effect in developing a responsible attitude towards sex. At the end of each evening, parents, if they have entered into the spirit of the course, are better informed, and thinking for themselves - though positively exhausted.

The leader or co-ordinator of the small group of parents for the six months is a parent from the school who has been enthusiastic enough to attend a previous course. Some parents on the course will in turn go on to guide others, and so on. To initiate the process a first set of "parental co-ordinators" from all over Britain will be invited to attend a two-day seminar addressed by Professor Isaacs himself, before the whole process snowballs from school to school.

These courses will reassert what parental involvement should be about, and will help parents to help their children. Parental participation will once again take on its true meaning. To use Professor Isaacs' words, it is a process of "family enrichment".

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The provision of artificial treatment by means of a naso-gastric tube was medical treatment and the court was satisfied that there was no therapeutive, medical or other benefit to Anthony Bland in continuing to maintain his treat-ment by artificial means and that there was no possibility that he would emerge from his existing tent vegetative state to a cognitive sapient state.

Therefore the court would de-clare that Airedale Health Authority and the respons physician "may lawfully dis-continue all life sustaining treatment and medical support measures designed to keep Anthony Bland alive in his existing persistent vegetative state includ-ing the termination of ventilation. nutrition and hydration by artificial means and they may lawfully discontinue and thereafter need not furnish medical treatment to him except for the sole purpose of enabling Anthony Bland to end his life and to die peacefully with the greatest dignity and with the least distress".

Sir Stephen Brown, President of the Family Division, so declared in a reserved judgment following an application for such a declaration by the health authority which was supported by Mr Bland's parents. Mr Robert Francis, QC and Mr Michael R. Taylor for the health authority: Mr James Munby. QC. for the guardian ad litem; Mr Anthony Lester, QC and Mr

Stephen Richards as amici curiae. THE PRESIDENT said that Anthony Bland became 21 on September 21, 1992 but for the past three and a half years be had been unaware of the world. He was a victim of the Hillsborough football ground disaster on April

He suffered a severely crushed

Airedale Health Anthority v brain damage. Although his brain stem was intact he suffered irreparable damage to the cortex and was in a state known to the medical profession as a persistent vege-

> The patient had been under the care of Dr J. G. Howe who, supported by a consultant neurologist, reached the conclusion in August 1989 that there was no hope of any improvement and that it would be appropriate to cease

> Dr Howe got in touch with the Sheffield Coroner who was respon-sible for dealing with the fatal cases arsing from the disaster. The coroner alerted Dr Howe to the risks he might run if he took the proposed course of withdrawing iment and that there could be criminal proceedings. As a result the Airedale National

Health Service Trust sought physicians might discontinue all ife sustaining treatment and medical support measures designed to keep Anthony Bland alive in his existing persistant

The court had been assisted by highest calibre and of great experience. All agreed that Anthony Bland's condition was irreversible. He had been given the highest standard of care by the hospital

His father was a splendid straightforward Yorkshireman and in evidence had said that he could see no point in continuing

Professor Bryan Jennett had told the court that only exceptional cases of persistant vegetative state had been reported as showing recovery after a year and none ha achieved independence. In his opinion naso-gastric feeding was medical treatment just as a venti-lator or kidney machine.

Dr Keith Andrews was the director of medical research ser-Home, Putney and had considerable experience. He stated that expressed the view that feeding by tube was not medical treatment as the supply of food was a basic requirement although the use of a tube might be medical

Mr Francis had submitted that the court should follow the decision in In re F (Mental Patient: Serilisation) (1990) 2 AC 1).

Mr Mumby had argued the withdrawal of feeding would amount to unlawful killing and if the artificial feeding process were to be considered as medical treat-ment it would be unlawful in the present case to withdraw that Reference had been made to In

re J (Wardship: Medical Treat-ment) (1991) Fam 33). Mr Munby had said that in the present case there was no question of suffering as the patient was without feeling or awareness and that a dangerous precedent would be established if the court granted the declaration in the terms

Mr Lester had made submissions which supported the plaintiff. He had submitted that the law should strive to be in medical ethics and good medical practice: that there was no inherent conflict between having regard to the quality of life and respecting the sanctity of life as they were complementary.

The meaning and criteria of quality of life should focus on benefit to the patient. It was not in the best interests of Anthony Bland to maintain his "life" by feeding or giving medication and that there would be no breach of duty or criminal liability in ceasing to feed or otherwise to treat the patient. Mr Lester had referred to a case before the Supreme Court of the United States Cruzan v Director Missouri Department of Health (110 S Ct 2841 (1990)). The court had been referred to a pasage (at p2883): "Medical advances have

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Division of the High Court.

There should be at least two responsible medical opinions. There could also be a division of opinion among members of a family. In such cases it was essential that medical carers should seek the authority of the

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Judgment November 19 Where a plaintiff in a libel action was awarded the same sum as the defendants had paid into court before the trial, and had obtained an injunction against re-publica-tion, for the purposes of costs it was the defendants who were in sub-

stance the successful parties since

the claim for injunctive relief had not been a significant factor in the plaintiff's prosecution of his claim. Accordingly, the plaintiff would be ordered to pay the defendants' costs after the date of their payment into court. The Court of Appeal so held

allowing an appeal, with leave of the judge, by News Group News-papers Ltd. Kelvin Mackenzie and Ken Irwin from Mr Justice Waterboose who had awarded the plaintiff, William Roache, the costs of his action for libel in which he had been granted an injunction restraining the defendants from republication and had been awarded damages of £50,000, which sum had been paid into court by the defendants three weeks before the commencement of the trial. The action was brought by Mr Roache, who played the part of Ken Barlow in Coronation Street, in respect of material contained in an article published in The Sun on Novem-

Mr David Eady, QC and Miss Heather Rogers for the defen-dants; Mr Charles Gray, QC and Mr Tom Shields for the plaintiff.

ber I. 1990.

THE MASTER OF THE ROLLS said that two principles, habitually applied in exercising the court's discretion to award costs. were relevant: the first was that in the ordinary way costs followed the event so that the winner of the action recovered his costs which the loser had to pay.

In complex cases it was necessary to investigate with some care who really was the winner and who the loser, or as it was sometimes put, to identify the event which costs were to follow. The principle was of fundamental importance in deterring plaintiffs from bringing and defendants from defending actions they were likely to lose.

The second principle was that here a plaintiff claimed a financial remedy in debt or damages and the defendant paid into court a sum not accepted by the plaintiff which was equal to or greater than the sum recovered by the plaintiff in the action the plaintiff ordinarily

was ordered to pay the defendant's costs from the date of the payment The rationale was obvious. If the plaintiff put the defendant to the to obtain an injunction. expense of a trial in order to The Colgate Palmolive case, which related to actions for passing recover less than he could have

recovered without a trial he should compensate the defendant for the umecessary expense to which he had been put. That principle was also of fundamental importance. A defendant could not ordinarily prevent a plaintiff pursuing his claims, however exaggerated they might be, with the consequent burden of costs in defending them. All he could do to protect himself was to pay into court what was justly the or what the plaintiff might prove likely to recover. If his

ent proved accurate he reimbursement of the costs of his The upshot of the decisions in Findlay v Railway Executive (1950) 2 All ER 969), Anglo-Cyprian Trade Agencies Ltd v Paphos Wine Industries Ltd There was, however, no evidence [1951] I All ER 873) and Alltrans

(1984) 1 WLR 394) was clear. The judge had to look closely at the facts of the particular case before him and asic Who, as a matter of substance and reality, had won? Had the plaintiff won anything of value or anything he could not have won without fightng the action through to a finish? Had the defendant substantially denied the plaintiff the prize which the plaintiff fought the action to

coress Ltd v CVA Holdings Ltd

In the ordinary way the plain-tiff's failure in the present case to recover more than the sum paid into court would have led to an

Johnson v Chief Constable of

section 32(1)(b) of the Limitation

Act 1980, brought an action long

after it would have been statute

barred, claiming that new facts had emerged which had been

deliberately concealed by the defendant would only be granted

relief under that section if the new facts affected his right of action.

Facts which might improve the his

chance of success but did not affect

his right of action were not relevant

order that he pay the defendants' costs from the date of payment in.

The judge, impressed by Colgate Palmolive Ltd v Mariovell Plnance Ltd [1990] RPC 197). had not adopted that course on the ground that the plaintiff had had to pursue the matter to judgment

off and infringement of made marks, was procedurally far from the present case. The procedure in intellectual property cases had never been applied in defamation cases. The judge had paid much more attention than he should have done to the reasoning in a case which was by no means The judge had treated the grant

of an injunction as the ground for giving the plaintiff his costs because he had been persuaded that the plaintiff had had a wellfounded apprehension of rep-ctition of the libelious or similar matter. His Lordship analysed the judge's reasoning and the material on which he had based his

support that reasoning. The the effect of the Coleane Palmolive case and had failed to give weight to the payment into court — a matter of major relevance. The exercise of his discretion was flawed and it was for the Court of Appeal to exercise its discretion

His Lordship referred to the offer which the plaintiff rejected before the trial and which he eventually recovered in refusing to accept it before trial he had decided to fight on: What for? He dants claimed it was for a larger

The Court of Appeal (Lord

Justice Neill, Lord Justice Russell

and Lord Justice Rose) so held on

October 19 when dismissing an

appeal by the plaintiff, Francis-Robert Johnson, from a decision of

Mr Justice Otton who, on March

23, 1992 had ordered that the

plaintiff's statement of claim be

LORD JUSTICE RUSSELL,

agreeing with Lord Justice Rose that the appeal should be dis-

missed, said that in order to give relief to the plaintiff any new fact

struck out as statute barred.

to the likelihood of repetition. Had the plaintiff accepted the sum paid into court before trial he would have been entitled to a statement in open court.

Given the size of the payment into court the statement, if not agreed with the defendants, would have been in terms which roundly vindicated him. There was noteing to suggest that the defendants would not have co-operated in making a statement in the usual way. Nor was there any open communication before trial that the plaintiff was asking for an undertaking or injunction and that the defendants were declining to

Given the defendants' wish in settle the action evidenced by their payment into court it was incredible that they would have allowed the settlement to founder for want of an undertaking by them not to re-publish. His Lordship did not accept the judge's view that the plaintill had had to pursue the matter to judgment to obtain

In his Lordship's view the only reason the plaintiff went ahead to trial was because he wanted to win a larger sum from the jury than the defendants had offered.

There was no doubt that the defendants emerged as the substantial winners. They held the award to a sum no greater than was already on offer. The injunction was a matter of no significance to them because they did not was only on that minimalist basis that they had resisted its grant. He would allow the appeal.

Lord Justice Sturnt-Smith and Lord Justice Simon Brown delivered concurring judgments. Solicitors: Parter & Co; Peter

right of action and was to be

contrasted with a fact relevant to

the plaintiff's action or his case or

The plaintiff's right of action was

complete at the moment of his arrest. No other ingredient was

While the new facts might make

the plaintiff's case stronger or his right to damages more readily capable of proof they did not bise

They did not affect the right of

Relying on new facts

his right to damages.

necessary to complete it.

on the right of action itself.

Pressing ground required to ban publication

Regina v Advertising Standards Authority Ltd, Ex parte Vernons Organisation Before Mr Justice Laws [Judgment September 9] The courts would not prohibit the publication of a report, pending a judicial review of it, save on

Contempt notice required

Moerman-Lenglet and In re Chaddock Another v Henshaw

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On an application to commit an obey a positive court order, the court had no discretion to dispense with the requirement of Order 45, rule 7(4) of the Rules of the me Court, as amended by (SI 1992 No 638), which came into force on June 1, 1992, that there had to be prominently displayed on the front of the copy of that order served upon that in-dividual a warning that disobedience would be a contempt of court,

punishable by imprisonment. Mr Justice Chadwick so held in the Chancery Division on October 23, when dismissing a motion by the plaintiffs, Maryvonne Wyndham, to commit to prison the defendant, Michael Henshaw, for falling within seven days of its service upon him to comply with an order made on March 18, 1992 by Deputy Master Weir. A copy of that order, endorsed according to the unamended rule. had been served upon the defen-dant on July 13, 1992.

pressing ground the effects of publication would have to damage the applicant irreparably.

Mr Justice Laws so stated in the Queen's Bench Division in refusing an application by Vernons Organisation for a stay on the publication of a decision of the Advertising Standards Authority

Ordering treasure inquest

The provisions of section 13 of the Coroners Act 1988, relating to the individual to prison for failing to High Court's power to order the inquest, were applicable to an inquest to enquire into treasure.

The Queen's Bench Divisional Court (Lord Justice Mann and Mr Justice Leonard) so held on Octo ber 16 allowing the application of Dennis Graham Chaddock for an order quashing the verdict of the inquest held, in relation to the discovery of a gold tore on August 14, 1990, at Keysleigh Farm, Monkton Deverill, Warminster, Wiltshire, by the coroner, John Morris Elgar, on November 19, 1990, and granting an order that another inquest be held before a

LORD JUSTICE MANN said that the wording of section 13(1) was plainly apt to comprehend an enquiry into treasure. The difficulty presented by the word "death" in subsection (2) was apparent only, for the wording of section 30 indicated the applicability of section 13 to an inquest into

Mr Richard Drabble for the applicant; Mr Charles Flint for the

MR JUSTICE LAWS said that the respondent had, as part of its public duty, investigated a com-plaint about a press advertisement inserted by the applicant. The complaint was upheld and the applicant obtained leave to move for judicial review against the

The decision was due to be published and Vernons sought a stay of publication of the decision. His Lordship dealt with the application as an application for The case raised in the context of

the Advertising Standard Authority's public activities, what attitude should be taken by the court when it was invited to restrain publication of a formal document when leave to apply for indicial review had been granted. There was a general principle recognised by the law that the expression of opinion and the conveyance of information would

not be restrained by the court save on pressing grounds.
Were there circumstances which disengaged that general principle?
The general principle was not disengaged simply upon the ground that the intended publication contained material which was subject to legal challenge as being vitiated by some error of law. The effects of publication were

not damaging to the applicants in a manner which would be so irreparable, so past recall, as to amount to a pressing ground, in the language of Strasbourg, a pressing social need to restrain the public body from carrying out its functions in the ordinary way. Solicitors: Mishcon de Reya; Theodore Goddard.

sury Solicitor

Section does not create two separate offences Shaw v DPP Regina v Bournemouth Crown Court, Ex parte Yates Regina v Vale of Glamorgan Justices, Ex parte Boundford Regina v Coventry Justices, Ex parte Bolton

tice Roch

Regina v Cheshire Justices. Ex parte White Regina v Marylebone Magistrates Court, Ex parte Garcia Before Lord Justice Watkins, Mr Justice Macoherson and Mr Jus-

[Judgment November 12] Section 7(6) of the Road Traffic Act 1988 did not create two separate offences of failing to provide a specimen for analysis despite the fact that under Schedule 2 to the Road Traffic Offenders Act 1988 the maximum penalty for failing to provide a specimen was higher when the defendant was alleged to have been driving a vehicle than it was when he was alleged to have been in charge of the vehicle so that an information framed in terms of section 7(6) alone without reference to the circumstances under which the request for a specimen had been made was not

bad for duplicity. that for duplicity.

The Queen's Bench Divisional Court so held in dismissing an appeal by way of case stated by Christopher Shaw against a decision of Wetherby Justices and in dismissing applications for judicial review by James Richard Yales of a

Court, Graham Percival Boundford of a decision of Vale of George Bolton of a decision of Coventry Justices, Paul White of a decision of Cheshire Justices and asked for the specimen was driving

of Mr John Sunderland, acting stipendiary magistrate at Matyle bone Magistrates Court. The Court held that the decision of the Queen's Bench Divisional July 8: [1992] RTR 289) was

Gabriel Gus García of a decisions

decided *per incuriam*. Mr Stuart Brown, QC and Mr David Hall for Shaw; Mr Graham John Davies for Yates and Garcia: Mr Nigel J. Ley for White, Bolton and Boundford; Mr R. Alum ies, QC and Mr James Lewis for the DPP, Mr Stephen Richards as amicus curioe. LORD JUSTICE WATKINS.

giving the judgment of the court, said that the information charged each defendant with a single omission or course of conduct, namely failure to provide a specimen when requested to do so.

The purpose of empowering a constable to require a person to provide a specimen was to enable the police to obtain evidence of blood alcohol level without delay

which would cause such evidence Common sense would suggest that provided there was a bona fide investigation into the existence of the Road Traffic Act then the request was in section 7. Part of the investigation might

or attempting to drive or in charge of a vehicle while unlit or with more than the prescribed limit of alcohol in his blood, breath or At the time the specimen was required, however, the investigat-ing officer might well have no or

no sufficient evidence as to those matters and would have no sufficient evidence until the investigation was complete. At that stage the officers might well not know if they were investigating an offence vis-a-vis the

person of whom the request was being made under section 4 or section 5, and within each of those sections precisely which of the three possible offences, or variation Having regard to the provisions of section 7(6), provided the requirement for the specimen was properly made, there was un-questionably a single course of conduct which constituted the

offence, namely the failing to provide the specimen without reasonable excuse.

On that analysis no one of the

information or charges could possibly be bad for duplicity.

The appellants collectively argued that if section 7(6) was read

are suitable for the position.

together with part 1 of Schedule 2 would be seen that Parliament had created more than one offence or alternatively more than one way of

committing the offence of failing so provide a specimen. In Commissioner of Police of the Metropolis v Carran (1976) 1 WLR 87) the House of Lords held that the language of the predecessor of section 7(6) under the Road Traffic Act 1972 was simple. clear and marnhamous and nothing in it suggested that the offence

thereby created was in any way connected with the suspect's guilt innocence of the offence which he was suspected of having committed when he was surested. Curran was followed by the Queen's Bench Divisional Court in

Queen's Bench Divisional Court in Roberts v Griffiths [1978] RTR 362]. It was true that in neither of those cases was the question of duplicity raised, but it was conceded for the appellants that if the punishment provisions were not to be looked at in deciding what were the essential ingredients of the offence of falling for provide a specimen, then no question of specimen, then no qui duplicity could arise.

Curran and Roberts v Griffiths were not cited to the court in DPP; Corcoran, whereas the more recent authorities and particularly R v Countie (1984) AC 463) and Gardnerv DPP (1989) RTR 384) were relied upon when the court reached its conclusion that section

7(6) read with part 1 of Schedule 2 of the Road Traffic Offenders Act created at least two offences. That failure denied it the opportunity, to consider a

opportu classes of criminal offences which Lord Diplock had in mind in Courtle and the very different road traffic legislation considered by the

House in Curran. The court was therefore, driven Corcoran which was enoneous

and reached per incurion. defendant should wish to be awa as precisely as possible of the likely consequences in terms of punishment of his admitted conduct or that found by the court to have been committed. But that could not affect the construction of a plain straightforward provision creating an uncomplicated offence

as section 7(6) undoubtedly did. Whether it would be more just that the prosecution at some early stage inform a defendant of relevant circumstances sought to be relied upon was a matter which went to procedural fairness and was easily resolved by a suitable

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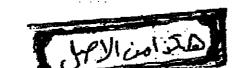
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REPORTING THIS WEEK

Argyll's sales recipe expected to beat the recession

FIRST-HALF profits at Argyll Group, the Safeway to Presto supermarkets group headed by Sir Alistair Grant, should benefit from volume gains at established stores as well as sales from new supermarkets.

County NatWest is looking for pre-tax profits, due tomorrow, to rise 15 per cent to £200 million. Market forecasts range from £198 million to £205 million. An improved interim dividend of 3.6p (3.2p) is predicted.

The trading statement may be cautious, but Argyll should have dampened the effects of recession by using innovative sales offers and introducing new systems, while controlling costs across its stores and distribution network. Underlying like-for-like sales growth is expected to be 3.5 per cent.

TODAY

First-half profits at BET, the business services group head-ed by John Clark, will be depressed by the tough trading conditions affecting textile rental and plant hire, which is exposed to the beleaguered construction industry.

BZW has pencilled in pre-tax profits of £40 million

(£71.5 million). Market fore-casts range from £38 million to vod £44 million. An interim dividend of between 2p and 2.5p is predicted, against 4.25p last time. Analysts will no doubt take a close look at the group's cash flow and

gearing.

First-half profits at Emap. publishing and exhibitions group, should climb to between £12.5 million and £13 million (£9.9 million).

million (£9.9 million).
Interims: Allen, BET, British investment Trust, Danka Business Systems, Emap, Hewetson, Marting Industries, National Grid Co, National Grid Holdings, South Statford-shire Water Holdings, South Statford-shire Water Holdings.
Finals: Anglo Irish Bank Corporation, Chemex International, Diploma, Ferner, Whitegate Leisure. Economic statistics: Engineering sales and orders at current and constant prices (September), balance of payments current account and oversees trade figures (October).

TOMORROW

Vodafone Group, the mobile telephone company, is expected to give details of the response to its recently intro-duced LowCall tariff as well as announcing a rise in profits.

Kleinwort Benson forecasts interim pre-tax profits ahead to £155 million (£140 million).

with market estimates ranging from £145 million to £160 million.

Analysis are looking for Vodafone's subscriber numbers to rise to about 760.000, while the number of people leaving the network as a proportion of the subscriber

base is expected to decline. Thorn EMI, the music and leisure group, is expected to report a slip in first half pre-tax profits to £90 million £94.9 million), according to UBS Phillips & Drew. Market forecasts range from £85 million to £95 million. The effects of the Virgin deal may dilute earnings to 13.6p (17.op) a share, but the dividend should be maintained at 9p.

the maintained at 9p.
Interims: Amber Industrial Holdings, Arygil Group, Dawson International, East Worcester Water, Evans of Leeds, GEI International, Kalamazoo, Lowndes Lambert Group, Monks Investment Trust, NSM, Sims Food Group, Thom EMI, Vodefone Group, Walker & Staff Holdfings. Finals: Apollo Metals, BBB Dasign Group, Fairline Boats, Genesis Chile Fund, Young (H) Holdings.

WEDNESDAY

Profits growth at Rothmans International, the tobacco to huxury goods group, will be held back by slightly lower sidiary, weak results from the Far East and the strong

Analysts are looking for interim pre-tax profits of between £261 million and £270 million, against £266 million last time. Despite this, Rothmans should have seen strong tobacco sales outside the Asia-Pacific region and will benefit from the weaker pound in the second half

Improved market share should help full-year profits at Kwik Save Group, the discount supermarket chain, increase to £112 million (£101.8) million), according to Nomura. The forecasts are ranging from £109 million to £113

Final pre-tax profits at Tate & Lyle, the world's largest sugar producer, are expected to decline by 20 per cent to £188 million, according to County NatWest. Market forecasts range from £188 million to £192 million.

Interims: Applied Holographics, Caledonie Investments, City of London PR Group, Hartstone Group, ML Holdings, Marston Thompson & Evershed, Mid Kent Holdings, North West Water Group, Rothmans International, Sterling Industries.

Finals: ASI Leisure Group, Dunedin Worldwide Investment Kwik Save Group, Tate & Lyle. Economic statistics: Construction - new orders (September — provi-

THURSDAY

Intertms: AAH Holdings. Airflow Streamlines. Alphameric, BPB Industries, Brockhampton Holdings, Brown & Tawse, Cambridge Water Co, Castings, Chlonde Group, Datt Group, Gribbs Mew, Grampian Terevision Miscolonald Martin Distilleries, North American Gas Investment Trust, Northern Foods Powell Dufflyn, Scartronic Holdings, Seton Healthcare Group, South West Water, Southnews, Stoddard Sekers International, Welsh Water. Welsh Water.

Finais: Concentric Finals: Concentric Greyfrairs Investment Trust, Morland & Co. Scottish Investment Trust, Tombrin-Economic statistics: Energy trends (September), new vehicle registra-

tions (October)

FRIDAY

Interims: Anglo American Corpora-tion of South Africa, Brown Shipley Holdings, NEC Corporation, Thorn-ton Oriental Income Fund Finals: Automagic Holdings. Economic statistics: Intend Revenue statistics 1992. CBI monthly trends enquiry (November).

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GILT-EDGED

Taking the risk out of inflation

The Bank of England has yet to become a monetary policeman equivalent in status to the Bundesbank. But it has become a probation officer responsible for keeping Britain on the straight and

narrow vis-à-vis inflation. By far the most important part of the Chancel-Mansion House speech was the announcement that the Bank will provide a quarterly appraisal of how inflationary trends compare with the 1-4 per cent target. The report will become important because the Bank's

credibility will be at stake. This practice has special significance for Britain. Not only has it had one of the highest average inflation rates in the past 20 years, it has had one of the most volatile. From 1970 to 991, the average core inflation rate was 9.6 per cent with a 5.8 percent standard deviation. Australia had only a slightly lower average rate (8.8 per cent) but volatility of 3.4 per cent. On the other end of the scale. Germany's inflation rate and volatility were less than half Britain's.

Britain has thus had a high inflation uncertainty risk premium built into long-term gilt yields. If the UK could just reduce its average long-term inflation rate in line with its competitors', and also reduce volatility, long-term yields could be significantly lower.

High inflation creates uncertainty about monetary policy. With high inflation. policymakers face a dilemma: they would like to disinflate, but fear the resultant recession. The public faces the uncertainty of knowing the preferences of future policymakers and thus does not know whether disinflation will occur. When actual and expected inflation are low, however, there could be consensus on the authorities trying to keep them low. Inflation targets are

thus extremely important. Thus, the Treasury's latest inflation forecasts for end-1993 caused concern. being at the top end of the target. This represented a shift from expectations earlier this year and reflected

tion impact. If correct, it indicates that any further easing of monetary policy will be very modest. The Bank, however, seems to believe the devaluation effect will

be more delayed than usual. Since the inflation outlook is crucial for the path of long rates, it is not surprising that it has been at the heart of reports by gilt analysts. There seems to be an even divide between those who believe the underlying inflation rate is so low that devaluation will not be sufficient to threaten an inflation rate at/above the top end of the target and those who fear it could. I am in the latter camp.

My concern is not for any wage pressures of significance, which hardly seem likely with so much economic slack. Rather, I fear sterling's devaluation may have further to go and imported costs may rise further. This fear stems from the deterioration in the credit rating associated with a rise in the debt/GDP ratio.

The rise in the Budget deficit has been - and is likely to continue being greater than the reduction in private sector debt ratios. This increasing indebtedness undermines the currency and risks a greater devaluation than to date. The risk is that the underlying inflation rate will be held within the top half of the preferred range and, indeed, on a year's view, will

be heading to 4 per cent. Since the prospective and not the present inflation rate matters in setting monetary policy, we would not expect any rush to ease further. If policymakers needed an imperfect independent guide, they need look no further than the gilt market, especially the implied long-term inflation rate derived from the difference between conventional and index-linked gilts.
As this yield gap signals longer-term inflation expectations nearer to 5 than 4 per cent, it would also suggest further easing should be delayed until inflation

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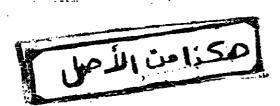
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(c) A light open two-wheeled carriage, fashionable in the first half of the 19th century, named after its inventor: "Gigs, phaetons, large-wheeled tilburies, and private carriages, drawn by fine blood horses."

(b) and (c) The tiresome man who took over Leinster against Henry II's better judgment; also a table supported on four fixed legs, having two hinged side portions or flaps, which can be spread out borizontally, and supported on legs connected with the central part by joints: "She sold a damaged Pembroke table skilfully repaired by by joints: "She sold a damaged Pembroke table skilfully repaired by Fritz to a woman who was actually looking for a brass fender."

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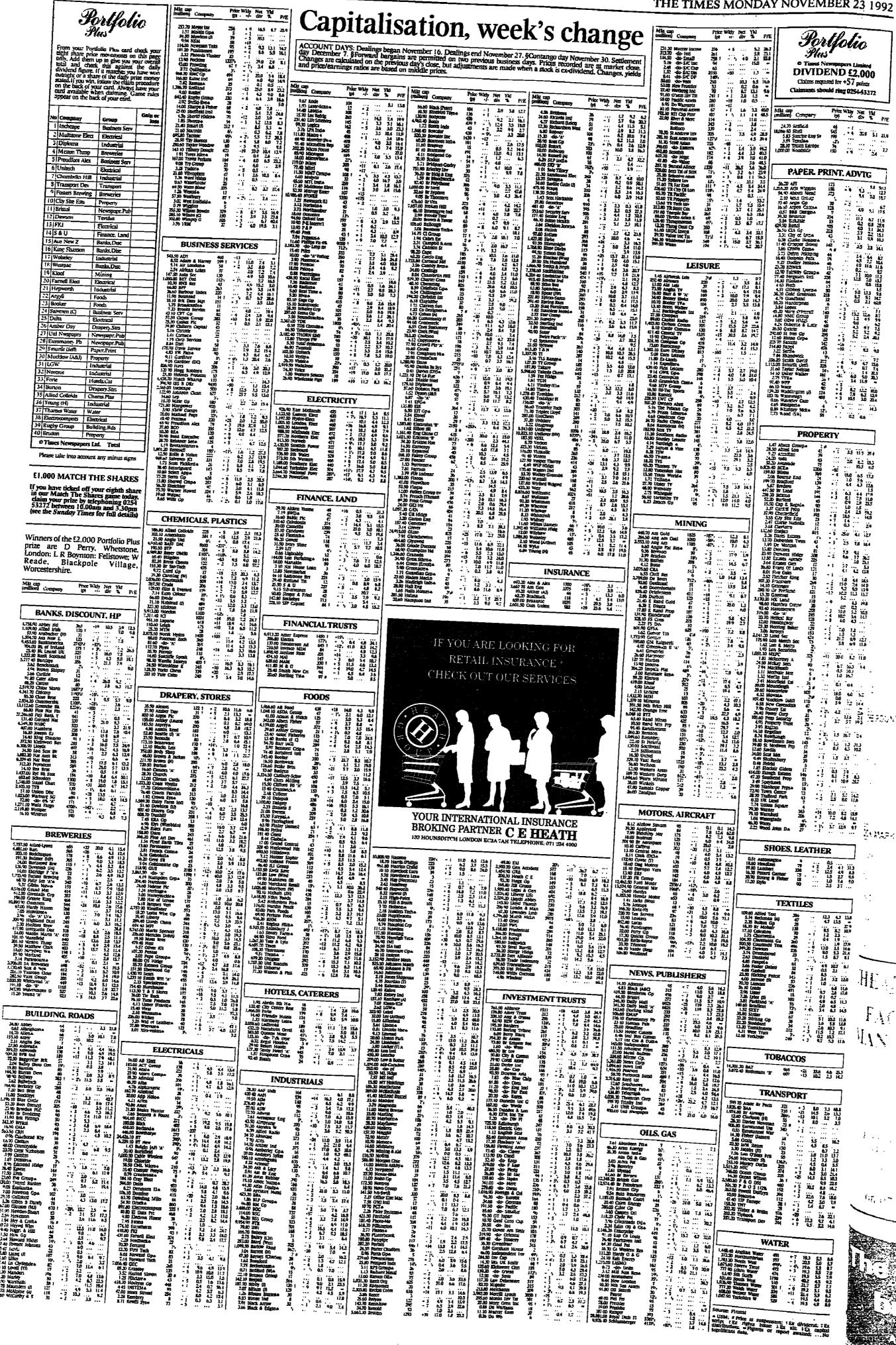
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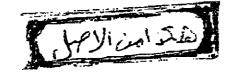


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Consumer mini-boom forecast for 1994

By GEORGE SIVELL

THE second half of 1993 is expected to see rising consumer optimism and growth of sales of durable goods as the housing market moves out of recession and as cyclical factors take effect, a report on the future of British remiling

Cambridge Econometrics and the Centre for Business Research at Manchester Business School say that the devaluation of the pound will cause household incomes to grow only very slowly in the short term, although the lowering of interest rates could offset some of the damage. In the short. term, consumer demand is expected to remain subdued.

But, in the medium term. strong export growth based on a world recovery and in-creased competitiveness in world markets, together with the stimulus to the housing market of lower interest rates, are expected to lead to a mini-

boom, peaking in 1994.

The weaker pound should bring higher import prices and higher shop prices, but the full impact is likely to be reduced by foreign manufacturers accepting a reduction in margins and British producers choosing to take some of the gains from depreciation in the form of improved competi-tiveness rather than raising pound prices and profit mar-gins by the full extent allowed ov devaluation.

The report points out that retail sales growth has failed to keep pace with the growth of consumer spending, as discre-tionary spending has focused on leisure and goods and services not traditionally supplied at retail outlets. Over the next few years retail sales growth is expected to remain slightly above total consumer expenditure. Between 1992 and 1995 retail sales are expected to grow 2.3 per cent a

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ture by 2.1 per cent a year.

Much of the expected improvement in the retail market is based on the housing market. The report points out that because of the fall in house prices and the continued rise average earnings the ratio of house prices to earnings now stands at 3.57, well below the 3.75 that prevailed in the pre-boom period in the 1980s. In addition, the reports shows how mortgage repayments as a percentage of average earnings peaked at about 44 percent in February 1990, and now stands about 28 per cent, the level reached before the last house price boom in 1988.

The report says that these sharp declines "demonstratethe degree of improvement in affordability that has now taken place. Taking the hous-ing market in isolation, it is reasonable to suggest that all the ingredients for a recovery in activity are in place. However, the general economic environment is unfavourable in the short term and this will mean that confidence will be slow to return."

A mild degree of recovery is expected to begin next year. with consumer spending projected to grow for the first time since 1990, increasing by 0.7 per cent over 1993.

The "buy now, pay later" days of the 1980s credit boom are over and for most Britons cash is now king, a Mori poli of 1,109 adults commissioned for the BBC Money Pro-

Asked what they would do if their income rose, 5 per cent said they would buy on credit against 81 per cent, who thought it better to save and use cash. Fifty per cent felt the economic situation would get worse in the next 12 months, while 21 per cent thought things would improve.

Banking by the book costs customers dear

Derek Harris finds banks' inflexibility is the small firm's

biggest complaint

JAIME Graham and his wife, Diana, who run the Judy and Punch Puppet Company, from their Norfolk base, are taking complaints about their treatment by Lloyds Bank during the recession to the banking ombodsman. They say their business of eight years has been lucky to survive an experience that they claim cost them at least

£10,000 in lost business.
Alex McIntyre, who makes energy-saving mini-green-houses in a factory in the western highlands of Scot-land, says that in his worst cash-flow crisis the only people who really offered him sympathy and support were his suppliers. He was beset by banking unhelpfulness and a blunt warning from govern-ment departments that nonpayment of VAT and PAYE. dues would result in closure.

These examples of small businesses bludgeoned by the reactions of the banks to recession are among many that have flooded in to small business representation groups such as the Forum of Private Business and the Federation of Small Businesses.

The bulk of small business complaints are about bank overdraft rates, say both the Forum and the Federation. The concern is about big margins, which for some are imposed above base rate. The Forum believes base rate cuts as such are generally passed on by banks to customers.

The Grahams, customers of Lloyds Bank for 25 years, say they ran into problems in February last year when a new bank manager asked for a substantial and immediate reduction in an overdraft secured against two bankheld savings policies. Mr Gra-ham said: "That was a miserable time,"

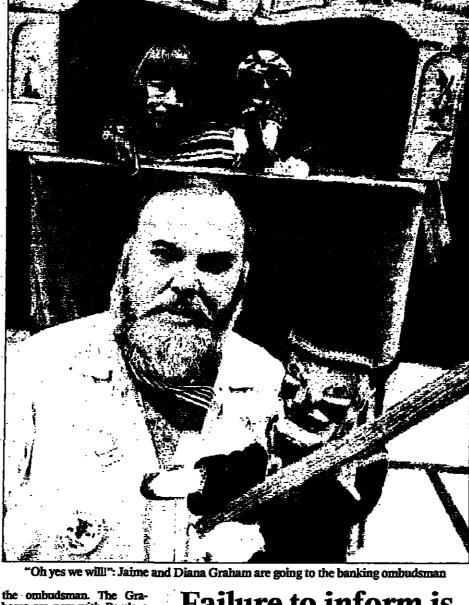
They believe that at a time when all banks were under pressure, Lloyds was not interested in their business. They kept going by cashing an insurance policy. Subsequent disputes with the bank are unresolved and Mr Graham has prepared a submission for

hams are now with Barclays in Fakenham, Norfolk. "They have not only stood by us financially but also given us moral support," he said: Mr McIntyre, in business for 12 years, took on a bigger factory for Backwoodsman,

his company, at Barcaldine near Oban, Argyll, in 1990 to produce mini-greenhouses. Various production prob-lems delayed a volume start until well into this year. Mr McIntyre said: "As soon as we hit cash flow problems I kept suppliers and other creditors informed. I expected to resolve the crisis in four to six

to be the case." His suppliers all registered sympathy and support. Lloyds, his bank, rechecked its security over the McIntyre home and factory, then bounced three cheques without even a warning phone call. There was a subsequent apology and Mr McIntyre says he has now "sorted things out" with the bank. He said: "There has now been a

He added: "The PAYE and VAT people left me in no doubt they would shut us down without hesitation if we failed to pay our dues. What would that achieve? Six people would be drawing unemployment pay and the prospect would have gone for good of collecting taxes from the business in the future."



"Oh yes we will!": Jaime and Diana Graham are going to the banking ombudsman

Failure to inform is small firms' big fault

By Neil Bennett, banking correspondent

A BREAKDOWN in communication is what bank managers fear most in relationships with small business customers. according to the head of Nat-ional Westminster's small business services.

agers do not hear from a company when it has problems they tend to expect the worst. "The accusations we hear about banks being high-handed often comes from a lack of communication. If there is no information, a manager may well start bouncing cheques when there is no borrowing

The high street banks have been savaged by bad debt provisions in the last two years. and small business lending is one of their riskiest markets. Barclays says it has made provisions of more than El million a day on loans to small companies and the operation has been making losses for at least two years. An estimated total of 3 million, are expected

bank manager's most difficult decisions when he thinks a company is no longer viable. "But then it is in nobody's interest to allow them to continue to trade," she said. In these cases, a bank will refuse to increase lending to a company to prevent its owners taking on liabilities they will

never be able to repay. "In this recession, there has been a domino effect among some companies. Suddenly, a heathy business will hear that an important customer hasgone to the wall and it can be in trouble," she said.

Ms Bradford stresses that all banks want to see their customers stay in business wherever possible. "We have a vested interest in seeing as many customers as possible survive the recession. They are the customers of the future."

Engineering employers to unveil revival strategy

THE Engineering Employers' Federation will today unveil its blueprint for Britain's industrial revival, in keeping with its pledge to produce the industrial strategy in six weeks that the government had failed to draw up in six months. In spite of the government's declared conversion to policies in support of economic growth, the federation's document insists that unemployment is rising daily, businesses are still closing at an alarming rate, and "confidence is at an all-time low". The foreword adds: "There is an urgent need to start rebuilding

foreword adds: "There is an urgent need to start rebuilding our manufacturing base while there is still time."

The federation's proposals are based on views from almost 5,000 member companies. They are expected to include measures that will have a quick effect on Britain's balance of payments deficit, as well as proposals to bring about a long-term revival of technology and industry. The federation has promised to find ways of promoting investment in manufacturing, achieving "urgently needed" improvements to transport infrastructure, and help prevent the skills of the jobless going to waste. A huge increase in investment is expected to form the core of the programme. The federation is expected to argue that investment in industry should be reviewed against achievable rates of return and that financial reviewed against achievable rates of return and that financial institutions should accept more modest dividends, so that companies have more funds available for investment.

Unilever raises stake

UNILEVER, the international processed food and consumer products company, will pay 370 million rupees (£8.5 million) to raise its stake in Lipton India from its present 40 per cent to 51 per cent. Lipton India, which blends and packages tea as well as producing animal feeds and edible oils, will use the capital to develop its food processing lines including instant tea, fish feed and margarine. An extraordinary general meeting will be held in Calcutta on December 23 to approve the proposed majority holding by Unilever.

Decision day at O&Y

OLYMPIA & York Developments is expected to know today whether its Canadian property empire will be broken up and its American business forced into bankruptcy. In Canada, O&Y will seek extra time for a third rewrite of its debt restruc-turing plan, which would give secured creditors power to seize buildings and unsecured creditors a 90 per cent stake in a new company managing what remains. In America, talks will continue over an \$8 million repayment that should have been paid on Friday by O&Y's US arm to the Swiss Bank.

GPA seeks loans delay

GPA group, the world's largest aircraft leasing company which has failed in three of its last four attempts to raise fresh cash, is likely to seek delays in repaying bank loans of \$900 million at a meeting of 100 bankers at the Intercontinental Hotel in London today. The request is regarded as key to the \$2.7 billion debt-structuring package. GPA's presentation to the banks will be led by John Tierney, chief financial officer, and Maurice Foley, deputy chairman. Ann Lane of Citibank will make the presentation of the actual funding proposal.

Japanese recovery hope

EIGHTY-seven per cent of Japanese companies believe the domestic economy will recover after April next year, according to the results of a survey published by the Asahi Shimbun. The figure compares with 58 per cent in a similar survey conducted in early September, the newspaper said. The survey was carried out from November 9-17 and covered 100 leading respectively. 100 leading companies, comprising 52 manufacturers and 48 non-manufacturers. About 47 per cent said that an income tax cut would aid an early recovery.

Burger King faces fines

GRAND Metropolitan's Burger King fast food chain is expected to pay \$500,000 in fines for violating working hours for under 16-year-olds. As part of the settlement with the by a Miami judge, Burger King would have to appoint an ombudsman to oversee compliance with child employment laws and monitor employees' hours by computer. Federal officials alleged Burger King had required teenagers to work in excess of permitted hours in its 800 restaurants in America.

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Hambros deal agreed

BY OUR BANKING CORRESPONDENT

ALLIED Provincial, the private client stockbroker, has sold its back-office settlement operation to Hambros, the merchant bank, in an innovative deal that is likely to be copied by other brokers that eed to cut their spending on



Solomons: reorganisation

information technology. Hambro Clearing has bought Allied's clearing and settlements department in Glasgow, with 120 employees, for an undisclosed sum.

From now on, the bank will handle all Allied's settlement business under contract, and be liable for any errors.

Hambros was attracted to the operation because of the introduction of the advanced Tarot settlements system that the bank may introduce into the other parts of its bonds and derivatives settlement business, which will be centred in

London and Glasgow. Allied, which has 150,000 customers, said that the reorganisation would give it more time to serve its customers. Bernard Solomons, the chairman, said: "We don't want to he computer experts, we want to be brokers again.

Jane Bradford says if manweeks and that in fact proved

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60,000 companies, out of a to go into receivership or li-quidation this year in Britain. As a result, banks have become wary in their dealings with small companies. Ms Bradford thinks it is one of a

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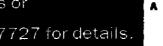
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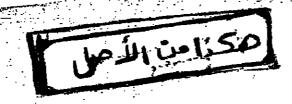
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Sale of BT shares needs new ideas

own at British Telecom, the prospect of the government making a final exit from its share register next year might have brought relief. The state had become a weak holder, still clouding BT's private sector status. There must also, however, have been groans at Norman Lamont's insistence that the sale was to be another exercise in widening share ownership. The last of these circuses put the company into a prolonged state of limbo, leaving it as something of a spectator, watching others argue furiously over its merits. It also seemed to act as a red rag to Oftel, BT's regulator.

Prior to the somewhat larger sale a year ago. BT already had 1.1 million shareholders, all but 23,000 of which were individuals. After that elaborate and ingenious exercise, BT had added a further 1.6 million new private shareholders, which is surely as wide as even Britain's biggest company might wish to go. In the seven-year gap since the 1984 flotation, the first privatisation aimed at the ordinary public, a new generation of investors had grown up and the habit of shareholding had taken hold.

No comparable change is likely to take place before the next sale. Most people who want a stake in BT probably have one by now, so there is little to be said for another privatisation circus in the moral cause of wider share ownership per se. The emphasis now is on deepening share ownership by encouraging the millions who own shares only in privatised utilities to venture into the rest of British business without the benefit of free gifts and massive publicity campaigns. The Treasury made an innovative effort at such social engineering in the 1991 sale, by channelling BT investors into share shops, but without much

arketing of the final BT share sale should therefore be pitched on cold calculations of what will yield the best result for the taxpayer. Increasing the potential market is certainly a help. However, only about 350,000 of the original 1984 investors topped up in 1991. If the next sale is aimed at the public, therefore, it will probably be dredging a smaller market than in 1984 or 1991.

Private investors have had to be offered costly incentives and discounts, especially in a secondary sale, so that they are unlikely to show an initial loss. Those who bought in 1991, and held on, have fared well enough, but the BT share price was shaky in the early months. Discounts can be justified to the taxpayer only if private demand drives the issue and allows the managers to push wily institutions into scrambling for the stock with their chequebooks, while they talk it

Unless the marketing people can think up something new to tempt the jaded private investor to take a third bite at BT, they might better take a different approach to maximising sale proceeds. Michael Heseltine could certainly help by setting a date when general price control will finally end.

Major's huge borrowing spree sends Britain towards uncharted waters

Unless there is action soon to accelerate the feeble recovery forecast, Britain will face a calamity, Anatole Kaletsky writes

eware the uncomprehending zeal of the sudden convert. The Autumn Statement was the symbolic affirmation of John Major's forced conversion to the new creed of recovery and growth. The mini-budget was supposed to "re-balance" policy, by simultaneously cutting interest rates and tightening public spend-ing targets. In fact, it did nothing of the kind. The Autumn Statement loosened both monetary and fiscal policy. But the two types of stimulus have been so poorly timed and unco-ordinated that the effect on the economy was calculated as almost nil. That, of course, was just what the Treasury wanted.

But if the mandarins thought they would have a quiet life after fudging the new economic policy, they proba-bly made a mistake. For as the new policy sinks in, a nasty realisation is gradually spreading: unless something happens soon to accelerate the feeble recovery the Treasury has forecast, Britain will face another economic calamity. Mr Major will be running up the biggest deficits ever recorded by any government, almost anywhere in the advanced industrial world.

The City knows that the government must borrow vast sums of money because of the depth of recession, but the scale of the prospective deficits has not remotely sunk in. For John Major has embarked on a borrowing spree that has no parallels in modern history, at least outside Italy.

The consequences that may follow from Mr Major's experiment in deficit financing are impossible to predict. What can be said with certainty, however, is that none of the

deficits, either in Britain in the 1960s and 1970s, or in America during the Reagan period, have been comparable in scale to what the government is doing now. Thus it may be far too optimistic to assume that the inflation and interest rate consequences of Britain's huge borrowing will be as innocuous as they proved in America after the 1980s. A more relevant model for Mr Major may be the Wilson-Callaghan gov ernment of 1974 to 1979 or the Italian government today. In the Autumn Statament,

the Chancellor officially forecast a public sector borrowing requirement of £37 billion, or 6 per cent of gross domestic product this financial year, rising to £44 billion, or 7 per cent of GDP, in 1993-4. The Chancellor assured Par-

liament that big deficits were natural in a recession and added that he would take no lectures on borrowing from Labour, which had run up far bigger deficits in the 1970s, until it finally lost control in 1976 when British economic policy was taken over by the IMF. Mr Lamont's most important and sceptical audience, the Conservative backbenchers, were duly relieved. Unfortunately, however, the

Chancellor's reading of history

was misleading, if not exactly false. It is true that the PSBR reached 9.6 per cent of GDP in 1975 and exceeded the 7 per cent of GDP officially projected for 1993-4 in three out of the five years of the last Labour government. But this comparison gives no idea of the relative stance of fiscal policy in the two periods because the PSBR in the 1970s was a different animal from the one that has evolved today. The PSBR is a uniquely

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British statistical oddity that in the 1970s lumped the commercial borrowing of such state-owned utilities as BT and British Gas with the fiscal gap between the government's spending and taxes.

It also includes privatisation proceeds as "negative spending" and, in the 1970s, incorporated the massive spending on nationalising shipbuilding and aerospace. As a result, in the 1970s the PSBR hugely exaggerated the gap between the government's continuing

spending and taxation. On the other hand, since the mid-1980s, the PSBR has understated, albeit by a smaller nargin, the true magnitude of Britain's fiscal gap. The PSBR concept has its

use. It indicates how rapidly the national debt is increasing and how many gilt-edged securities have to be sold. But it is almost universally recog-nised, at least outside the Treasury, as an inappropriate measure of a government's underlying fiscal stance or of the total demands made by the public deficit on private savings and financial markets. For these basic macro-economic judgments, a more straightforward and internationally comparable statistic is

he general govern-ment financial deficit (GGFD) simply mea-sures the difference between total tax collections and the net spending by all levels of central and local government. The GGFD has been agreed by the British Treasury and other finance ministries as the appropriate

gauge for measuring convergence of fiscal policies under the Maastricht treaty (although typically this is never made clear in the treaty itself). The GGFD is also the measure of fiscal stance published on an internationally compa-rable basis by the OECD and the IMF. It is also the measure of fiscal stance that has most direct relevance for the workines of the economy in almost any econometric model.

Why, then, does the government, which until two months ago accorded to the Maastricht convergence criteria the status of divine revelation, now pay so little attention to the GGFD? Because the GGFD, unlike the PSBR, shows that the Treasury is heading into uncharted fiscal waters.

Until this year, the biggest financial deficit run up by a British government was 4.9 per cent of GDP, in 1975. This year, Norman Lamont expects a GGFD of 7 per cent of GDP and the official PSBR projection for 1993-4 implies a GGFD of 8 per cent of GDP. Many private analysts expect a much higher number. Goldman Sachs, using a model similar to that of the Treasury. forecast a GGFD of 9.5 per cent in each of the next two fiscal years. This would be almost double the biggest deficit Labour ever ran.

The international comparisons are even more disturbing. The second chart shows the biggest deficits recorded in each of the G7 countries since 1972, and therefore almost certainly the biggest they have recorded since the immediate compiled by the OECD, reveal

that no G7 country apart from Italy has ever had a deficit as big as 7 per cent of GDP (the figure Mr Lamont predicts for the current year). As for next year, the projected general government deficit of 8 per cent of GDP, not to mention the 9.5 per cent forecast by Goldman Sachs, is completely outside the realm of international experience apart from Italy. During the muchmaligued fiscal profligacy of Reaganomics, the biggest GGFD America recorded was

strongest fiscal position in Europe, find itself this predicament? And where will it all lead?

4.1 per cent of GDP in 1983.

The huge deficits were caused by the recession. Every time GDP falls I per cent below its trend growth rate, the deficit increases by between 0.75 and one percent-

Thus, the fact that the economy is now expected to shrink by 1 per cent in the current financial year instead of growing by 2 per cent as the last Budget predicted, ac-counts on its own for the jump in this year's projected deficit from 4.5 to 7 per cent of GDP.

However, once a high deficit is established, it will not come down again if the economy simply returns to the trend growth rate required to stabilise unemployment and industrial capacity, thought to be about 2.5 per cent. For the deficit to fall, unemployment must also start falling and tax revenues must rise much faster

than GDP. This requires a period of above trend growth with GDP rising at about 3.5 per cent annually The only way the govern-ment will be able to avoid an

Italian-style fiscal crisis will be by doing something to migger rapid economic growth. Given the size of the deficits, the only available instrument to kickstart rapid growth will be sharp cuts in interest rates and probably more devaluation. The alternative of trying to close the deficits by raising taxes will not work unless the higher taxes are matched with even more swingeing cuts in interest rates.

Either way, interest rates and sterling will go on falling, until a strong recovery is clearly under way. The only question is whether the cuts in interest rates and the fall in sterling will happen early enough in the economic cycle to avoid rapid inflation. If the Treasury refuses to narrow the deficits by kick-starting rapid economic growth with low interest rates, the markets will eventually take the law into their own hands. As in 1976, a fiscal and balance of payments crisis will trigger a run on sterling as the domestic economy starts growing; the deficits will be cut through inflation, instead of economic growth. That has been the British way.

By failing to give the economy a big monetary boost this month, ministers thought they were being prudent; but as the borrowing figures keep climb-ing, Mr Major will realise that refusing to "kick start" the recovery with much lower interest rates was the biggest gamble he could possibly take.

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Last call for phone rivals

STAR banking analyst John Tyce, who was laid off by Nomura, has been snapped up by Société Générale Strauss Turnbull Tyce, long ranked as one of the top banking analysts, will report to Paul Diggle, head of re-search. "We have been interviewing people for that job for three years and it has taken us until now to find the right person," says Julian Burn-Callander, head of sales. This will be the second time Tyce and Diggle have worked to-gether. They were once colleagues at Laing & Cruickshank. It will not, however, be entirely plain sailing for Tyce, for one of his other colleagues at Strauss will be his nearnamesake John Tysoe, the firm's telecommunications and electronics analyst. Tysoe says he is delighted by Tyce's appointment, since it means a playful battle between the two of them will cease. Each has received telephone calls intended for the other. "But he is more devious than me," Tysoe says. "He told me that when

Tell the one about recovery being around the corner"

he received my calls he always said he was busy and would call back. I vowed I would do the same to him, but have yet to receive another call."

McNeill over here

WAVING a cheerful goodbye to Wertheim Schroder, Debbie McNeill, an American saleswoman, has started work at Salomon's US equity desk in London. McNeill, 12 years with Drexel on Wall Street un-

til the bank's collapse in 1990, was given the chance to fulfil her ambitions by Wertheim switching from research to sales and moving to London - but has been snapped up by Salomon. "I'm grateful to Wertheim, but Salomon has a bigger desk and I think the move will improve my book." says McNeill. She claims she cannot imagine returning to New York. "I've got a flat in Charterhouse Square and I feel like a real Londoner."

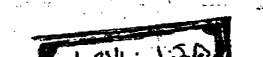
On a Swiss roll

RICHARD Williamson, ex-Warburg, County NatWest and Williams de Broc. has resurfaced in the City and switched sides. Williamson. 34, has become a fund manager with Pictet, a Genevabased investment firm. Pictet is a Huguenot bank founded in 1805 and run as a partnership. Williamson will be based in London, but spend two or three days a week in Geneva. "I am wearing two hats," he explains. "I advise the bank in Geneva on UK stock selection and market trends in UK equities, and in London I run

Mr Deceiver

IAN McIsaac, the Touche Ross partner responsible for corporate reconstruction work "We get hold of companies which have financial problems, but not terminal ones, and work with the banks" treasures one letter above any other. McIsaac, 47, received it about ten years ago, after becoming the receiver to Oxley Printing. He negotiated to sell one of Oxley's 17 plants, Carlisle Webb Offset, to the late Robert Maxwell Maxwell held back on the final payment tranche - "a few hundred thousand" - hoping to pay for it out of earnings once the company was his, but McIsaac thwarted him by paying himself directly out of money received by Carlisle. The company was still mine and so I took what I was owed," he explains. Maxwell penned an irate letter to McIsaac, addressing him as "The Deceiver" and signing it "Yours Deceivedly". "Every time he saw me thereafter, he greeted me as Mr Deceiver, McIsaac recalls.

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6.00 Ceefax (12743) 6.30 BBC Breakfast News (98890491) 9.05 Kitroy. Topical discussion with Robert Kitroy-Sifk (3179507) 9.45 Ross King. The guest is the actor Strafford Johns (s) (5509149)

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10.00 Nows, regional news and weather (7498656) 10.05 Playdays. For the very young (r) (s) (5791965)
10.30 Good Morning ... with Anne and Nick. Anne Diamond and Nick Owen present beauty tips, a romantic story, medical advice and travel news. Including at 11.00, 12.00 News, regional news and weather (42249656) 12.15 Pebble MRII. Juci Spiers talks to Engelbert Humperdinck and Sir John Harvey-Jones (s) (9931965) 12.55 Regional news and weather (78061694)
1.00 One O'Clock News with Philip Hayton. (Ceefac) Weather (68359) 1.30 Neighbours. Australian soap. (Oracle) (s) (42263656)
1.50 Going for Gold. European quiz with Henry Kelly (s) (42263472) 2.15 Snooker. David Vine Introduces round five of the Royal Liver Assurance UK champtonship from the Guildhall, Preston (103743)

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6.00 Six O'Clock News with Peter Sissons and Moira Stuart. (Ceetax)

6.30 Regional news magazines (507). Northern Ireland: Neighbours

7.00 Eldorado. Dramas from the Costa del Sol. (Ceetax) (s) (7120)
7.30 Watchdog. Lynn Faulds Wood and John Stapleton present the consumer magazine programme. (Ceefax) (491)



In hiding: troubled René confides in his wife Edith (8,00pm)

8.00 'Alio 'Ailo! René (Gorden Kaye) goes into hiding as the French Resistance farce enters its final streight. With Carmen Silvera and Vicki Michelle. (Ceefax) (s) (3168)
8.30 Get Back. The "recession cornedy" by Laurence Marks and Maurice Gran. Martin's father moves back into the council flat. Starring John Bardon and Ray Winstone. (Ceefax) (2675)
9.00 Nine O'Clock News with Martyn Lawis. (Ceefax) Weather (9694)
9.30 Panorama. Jane Corbin reveals the extent of the government's knowledge of British arms-related exports to traq and talks to Paul Henderson, former managing director of Matrix Churchill (820651) Honderson, former managing director of Matrix Churchill (820651)

10.10 Film '92 with Barry Norman. Among the films reviewed are Of Mice and Men, starting John Malkovich; director Ridley Scott's cut of Blade Runner, starting Herrison Ford; Spike Lee's new film, Malcolm X; and The Waterdance starting Eric Stottz (s) (428878). Northern Ireland: 29 Live (911675), Wales: Between Ourselves

10.40 Come Dancing. Rosematie Ford introduces the contest between London North and Rimininham (331676). Northern Ireland: 10.45

London North and Birmingham (331675). Northern Ireland: 10.45 Film '92 with Barry Norman (922410)

11.15 Snooker. Further coverage of the Royal Liver Assurance UK championship introduced by David Vine (794859)

12.15am Careering Ahead (r) (93415). Northern Ireland: Come Dancing. Wales: Film '92 with Barry Norman (6918298)
 12.45 Weather (8767960). Northern Ireland and Wales: 12.50-1.20

Careering Ahead (2409811)

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8.00 Breakfast News (4252033) 8.15 Westminster. Parliamentary update (4242656) 8.30 Collecting Now. John FitzMaurice Mills examines the techniques

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8.50 A Week to Remember (b/w). Pathé News from 1952 (2603323)
9.00 The Travel Show UK Min! Gulde. The Malvem Hills (1) (6206149)
9.05 Daytime on Two. Educational programmes (23558946)
2.00 News and weather followed by Storytime (1) (s) (52516101)
2.15 Around Westminster (1) (748385). Northern Ireland: The Victorian Kitchen Garden. Wales: Wales in Westminster
2.45 Carwas. Bill Thomson about Turner's masterplace The Fichting Temperature (1) (6413110)

Fighting Temeraire (r) (6413110)
3.00 News and weather (9055946) followed by Songs of Praise from

north Belfast (1). (Ceefax) (s) (6961502) 3.40 A Week to Remember (b/w). As 8.50am (r) (1362878) 3.50 News. regional news and weather (1351762) 4.00 Snooker. David Vine presents the key trames of this afternoon's

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5.00 Behind the Headlines. Jane Corbin discusses the case for renewing the BBC's charter and Susan Tully of EastEnders asks members of the public what they want from the itcance (se (5526)
5.30 The Living Garden. Geoff Hamilton presents the first of five programmes on how plants grow (r). (Ceelax) (656)
6.00 The Addams Family (DAW). Morticia (Carolyn Jones) becomes the breadwirner of the tamity. (Ceelax) (385217)
6.25 Def II begins with The Fresh Prince of Bel-Air American comedy (473946) 6.50 Dance Energy House Party. Normald's guests include Maxi Priest, Secret Life and Reesa Project (r) (906675)



Murderous: Macbeth gets the animaled treatment (7.30pm)

7.30 Shakespeare - The Animated Tales: Macbeth. The Bard's tale of murder and ambition is the third of six plays in the series. With the voices of Brian Cox as Macbeth and Zoé Wanermaker as Lady Macbeth. Narrated by Alec McCowen (s) (753)

8.00 Doctors to Be: Flying Doctors

CHOICE: The series on budding medics leaves Britain and explores with three would-be doctors the realities of medicine in the developing world. Ese Oshevire, a black British student, has her eyes opened on a trip to Jamaica, as she encountars her first starving child, a maternity ward short of beds and staff and a casualty department where many of the patients are victims of knife attacks. The other students visit Sarawak One, the Chinese Malaysian Dong Chiu, returns to her home town and wonders whether her career will lie in Malaysia rather than Britain. The other, Nick Rollings, joins a medical team on a boat journey into the Borneo jungle, ministering to the sick at the rate of a village a day. The lesson of all three trips is that Britain's maligned health service

has something going for it after all. (Ceefax) (420491)

8.50 Top Gear Raily Report. Steve Lee, Barrie Gill and Tony Mason report on the classic stage of the Lombard RAC raily in the forests of

9.00 Film: Incident at Dark River (1989). Worthy but simple-minded eco-movie about a father's determination to uncover the truth when his only deughter is killed as a result of toxic waste dumping. Starring Mike Farrell and Tess Harper. Directed by Michael Pressmar. (Ceefax) (s) (8965) 10.30 Newsnight with Jeremy Pavman (573651) 11.15 The Late Show. The arts and media programme (s) (758588)

11.55 Behind the Headlines. As 5pm (r) (428410) 12.25am Weather (2486960)

12.30 Top Geer Raily Report. A full review of the second day of the Lombard RAC raily (5997260). Ends at 12.50

ITV LONDON

6,00 TV-am (4442192) 9.25 Keynotes. Two teams try to put the words to the songs. Hosted by Alistair Divall (4712946) 9.55 Tharnes News (5777385) 10.00 The Time . . . The Place . . . Topical discussion (3281435)

10.35 This Morning. Susan Brookes discovers the origins of some mouthwatering recipes, agony aunt Denise Robertson takes wewers' calls and Kenneth Turner creates a floral fantasy. Including at 10.55 ITN News headlines, 11.55 Thames News and weather (90162255) 12.10 Rosle and Jim. Early learning series (2976743)

12.30 ITN Lunchtime News with Nicholas Owen and Sonia Ruseler (Oracle) Weather (3754694) 1.05 Thames News (58219507)

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1.15 Home and Away. (Oracle) (751859)
1.45 A Country Practice. Australian medical drama (s) (743830)
2.15 Tharmes Help. Jackie Spreckley gives advice on debt and mortgage arrears (775439)
2.45 Families. Anglo-Australian scap (9973912) 3.10 ITN News headlines (9066052) 3.15 Tharmes News (9065223)

3.20 The Young Doctors. Hospital drama series (3.342762)
3.50 Children's ITV: Wowser Cartoon fun (r) (1355588) 4.00 The Sooty Show (s) (3217656) 4.25 Beetlejuice loses his head over a pretty ghoul (f). (Oracle) (4200330) 4.50 Brill. John Ecclesion and Chemistra markets (et 4729007)

makes models and Christmas presents (s) (4723897) 5.10 Blockbusters. Bob Holness presides over the general knowledge

cuiz for sixth formers (8739120)

5.40 ITN Early Evening News with John Suchet. (Oracle) Weather (705781) 5.55 Thames Help (r) (994520)

6.00 Home and Away (r). (Oracle) (323)

6.30 Thames News (675) 7.00 The Krypton Factor. Gordon Burns presents the brains and brawn contest. Winners from the group C heats and the highest-scoring number-up compete for a place in the final. With Tory Stattery, Katie Puckrick and Linda Lusardi. (Oracle) (s) (9588)



Heart to heart: Vera meets her son Terry in prison (7.30pm)

7.30 Coronation Street. Vera Duckworth visits son Terry in prison. With Ezabeth Dawn and Nigel Pivaro. (Oracle) (859)

8.00 Strike It Lucky. Michael Barrymore teases six more contestants as they bettle it out for the £3,000 jackpot (8236)

8.30 World in Action: The Crack Connection An investigation into allegations that a minority of policemen in Britain have been dealing in drugs while others have planted evidence resulting in the

conviction of innocent people (7743)

9.00 The Life and Times of Henry Pratt. Third of a four-part comedy drama from David Nobbs, the creator of The Fall and Rise of Reginald Penn. Henry learns about the monied classes and homosexuality at public school, but girls are still elusive. With Jack

10.00 News at Ten with Trevor McDonald. (Oracle) Weather (75588)
10.30 Thames News (625101)
10.40 Film: The Challenge (1982). Patchy martial arts thriller staming Scott Glenn as an American boxer who becomes involved in a conflict over two Samurai swords. With Toshiro Mifune. Directed by John Empleybeings (42390979)

John Frankenheimer (47260878)

12.40am Entertainment UK (s) (6857786) 1.40 Sport AM. European football and Heineken League ice hockey (8050250)

2.40 Film: Not Over My Dead Body (1980). Heavy-handed French comedy, with English dialogue, about an actor who is mistaken for a Mafia hit man. Starring Pierre Richard and Gert Frobe, the villain in Goldfinger. Directed by Gerard Oury (899279)

4.30 James Brown. The godfather of soul in concert (r) (79786) 5.30 ITN Early Morning News (28521). Ends at 6.00

CHANNEL 4

6.00 Cartoons (61651) 7.00 The Big Breakfast with Chris Evans and Gaby Roslin (74410) 9.00 You Bet Your Life. Quiz hosted by Bill Cosby (s) (85965) 9.30 Schools (469410)

12.00 Right to Reply. Viewer Tracey Moore presents a humorous view of death in television soaps and there is a review of the Cutting Edge documentary on the House of Lords (r). (Teletext) (s) (65101) 12.30 Sesame Street Early learning series (52435)

 1,30 Dr Snuggles Cartoon fun (f) (16323)
 2,00 Film: About Mrs Leslie (1954, b/w). Pleasing romantic drama starring Shirley Booth, who died last month, as the owner of a boarding house who recalls her wartime romance with a wealthy industrialist. With Robert Ryan, Directed by Dame! Mann (101255)

3.55 Vacuum Cleaner. Animation (3238149) 4.00 Spirit of Trees. Tree-worship in Britain (r). (Teletext) (588) 4.30 Fifteen to One. William G. Stewart hosts the quick-fire quiz (s) (472) 5.00 The Late Late Show. Entertainment from Dublin (s) (9101)

6.00 Streetwise Drama series about a team of London bicycle couriers. Owen (Andy Serkis) meets an old finend (r) (Teletext) (965) 6.30 The Wonder Years. Kevin (Fred Savage) is caught stealing at

school (r) (217) 7.00 Channel 4 News with Jon Snow (Telelext) Weather (165491) 7.50 Comment. Peter Phillips argues that Britain's transport system is desperately under-tunded (356385)

8.00 Brookside Merseyside soap. (Telefext) (s) (6878) 8.30 Desmand's: Susu Again. Genial cornedy set in a Peckham barbershop Starring Norman Beaton. (Teletext) (s) (5385)



Distraught; Barbara Gregory seeks her children (9.00pm)

9.00 Cutting Edge: Let Me See My Children
OCHOICE: It is estimated than more than 1,200 children are abducted from Britain each year and this disturbing film is the story of two of them. Barbara Gregory met her Spanish husband while on holiday on Majorca. When the mamage broke up she was given custody of the children, with the father granted access in August 1990 Barbara took the children to stay with her former husband in Spain and did not see them again. Although abduction is covered under the Harus Convoltion. under the Hague Convention, the Spanish authorities have been rejuctant to meet their obligations and Barbara has been forced into a long, costly and emotionally draining legal battle to get her children back. The film follows Barbara to Spain as she tries to get redress through the police and courts and visits the children's school in an attempt to discover their whereabouts (s) (1410)
10.00 A Bit of a Do: The Farewell Party. Ted's (David Jason) leaving do

is accompanied by champagne, caviar and the requisite dis With Gwen Taylor and Nicola Pagett (r). (Teletext) (1897)

11.00 Catholics and Sex

■ CHOICE: A provocative title heralds a four-part series exploring attitudes within the Roman Catholic Church on such doctrinally contentious subjects as contraception, homosexuality and divorce. The premise is that when it comes to sex, the church is mostly against it, except to create babies. Tonight's discussion is about ceabate priests. It is mainly a rehash of familiar arguments, conducted in a measured and low-key way. Even the writer Frank Delaney, one of the more critical voices, is prepared to be emollient. An intriguing part of the story is that celibacy only became church law in the Middle Ages and appears to test on shaky biblical justification. But no one is questioned about this and nor is there reference to priests who have left the church because they found celibacy an impossible burden (61946)

12.00 Film: Archipelago (1991). The Latin American Cinema season continues with this Chilean drama. An architect escapes to a remote archipelago after he witnesses the indiscriminate slaughter of participants at an illegal anti-government meeting. In Spanish with English subtitles. Starring Hector Noguera. Directed by Pablo Perelman (1888417). Ends at 1.25am

VARIATIONS

ANGLIA

BORDER

As London except: 2.15pm-2.45 Grahem Ver. (775A39) 6.25-7.00 Angle. News (586410) 10.40 Merquee (153746) 11.10 Nature Watch (974746) 11.40-12.40am War of the Worlds (869168)

As London except: 2.15pm-2.45 Dring in France (775439) 3.20-3.50 Sons and Daughters (3342762) 5.10-5.40 Home and Assay (8733120) 6.00 Lookaround Monday (8733120) 6.00 Lookaround Monday Away (8739121) 6.00 Lookeround Monday (223) 6.30-7.00 Blockbusters (675) 10.40 Island Son (800120) 11.40 Prisoner Cell Block H (126323) 12.35am Superstars of Wresting (3494160) 1.15 Kojak (4872816) 2.10 Hothwood Report (9539065) 2.40 America's Top Ten (6430366) 3.10 The Guiderburg Inhentance (3135250) 3.55 Night Beat (6049182) 5.90-8.30 Jobfinder (97724)

CENTRAL

As London except: 1.45pm Home and Away (743830) 2.15 Graham Kert (20750385) 2.40-2.45 Sundance Institute (5041675) 3.20-3.50 GP (3342782) 6.25-7.06 Central News (598410) 10.46 The Works (326743) 11.15 Film: Up the Chastly Bet (Framos Howard, Graham Crowden, Roy Hudd Eartha Kitl (562694) 12.55am

Film: The Evil Trap (185368) 2.45 Police Precinci (5861873) 3.59 60 Minutes (1501144) 4.40 Austin Encoret (10141502) 5.05-5.30 Central Joshnder '92 (1193279)

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Practice (751859) 1.45 Home and Away
(74880) 2.15 Live at First Sight (775439)
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Families (323) 6.30-7.00 Granada Tonight
(875) 10.40 Comic Timing: The Vary Best of
Stand Up (153746) 11.00 Prisoner: Cell
Block H (581746) 12.05em Alirad Hischcock
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HTV WEST --As London except: 1.45pm Love at Pist Sight (743830) 2.15-2.45 Gardening Time (775439) 3.28-3.56 A Country Practice (342/252) 5.10-5.40 Home and Away (8739120) 6.00-7.00 HTV News (54101) 10.40-12.40am Film: Hold Up (47250878)

HTV WAI PS As HTV West except: 6.00pm Wales at Sx 6.30-7.00 Primetime

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YORKSHIRE

As London except: 1.45pm Murder, She Wrote (6692762) 2.35 Help Yoursel (6044762) 2.40-2.45 Five Minuses (6041675) (6044762) 2.40-2.45 Five Minuses (6041675) 5.10-5.40 Home and Away (8739120) 8.00 Calendar (323) 6.30-7.00 Parants (675) 10.40 Alfred Hitchcock Presents (153746) 11.10 Presoner: Cell Bjock H (211472) 12.05em Film: The Trap (905057) 1.45 Entereinment UK (2117289) 2.48 Trans World Sport (7958665) 3.48 The TV Chart Show (8104940) 4.40-5.30 Jobfinder (2046095) SAC

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3.30 Conversation Piece: Sur

farce (s) 4.00 News 4.05 Kalektoscope; Robert

Aus Raissocape; Hober Dawson-Scott visits an exhibition of Callum Innes's work in Edinburgh (s). 4.45 Short Story: I'll Swing you Round by the Tail by Julia O'Faolain 5.00 PM with Valaria Sinclation on

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5.00 PM with Valente Singleton and Frank Partridge 5.50 Shipping 5.55 Weather
6.00 Six O'Clock News

6.30 Pm Sorry I Haven't A Clue with Humphrey Lyttelton (f) 7.00 News 7.05 The Archers (s) (f)

Colony

CHOICE: The first two thirds of John Plooney's play about an unspoilt stretch of western

an unspoilt stretch of western irish coastline threatened by German commercialisation, is very powerfully written indeed. Emotionally charged it may be, but what else can you honestly expect from a situation in which, thanks to economic recession, the rural irish are forced to sell off their heritage to the highest bidder to avoid becoming an endangered

becoming an endangered species in their own country or the chambermaids of Europe?

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MacGragor goes to the Playhouse Theatre, London, to

meet Ray Cooney, writer, actor, director and producer of

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11.30 The King of New York (1990): An ex-con mob boss wants to regain his old turi

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Williams (Fantasia on a theme of Thomas Tallis: London of Thoma val Orchestra under Ross Poole) 9.00 Composer of the Week: Purcell — The Theatre Music. Overture: Dido and Aeneas Act 1, sc 1 (Academy of Ancient Music under Christopher Hogwood with Judith Nelson and Emma Kirkby, sopranos, James Bowman, counterlandr, Martyn Hill, tenor, David Thomas, bass). Blow, blow, Boreas, blow. Sir Bernaby Whigg (Academy of Ancient Music under Christopher Hogwood with Rogers Covey-Crump, tenor, and David Thomas, bass). I'll sail upon the Dog-Star, A Fool's Preferment (Academy of Ancient Music under Christopher Hogwood). Dido and Aeneas, Acts 2 and 3 (Taverner Players under Andrew Parrott, with Judith Nelson and Ermas Kirkby, sopranos, Janlina Noorman. Bownan, countertenor, Martyn

sopranos, Jantina Noorman, mezzo, and David Thomas. 10.00 On Two Fronts: Tchalkovsky (Overture, 1812: National SO under Rostropovich): Schumann (Die beiden Grenadiere, Op 49, No 1: Richard Tauber, tenor and orchestra); Debussy (En blanc et noir Allons and Aloys Kontarsky, pianos); British (Libera me. War Requiem: Highgale School and Bach Choirs, Melos Ensemble, London Symphony Charus and Orchestra under the Composer with Gaina Vishnevskaya, soprano, Peter Pears, lenor, Dietrich Fischer-Deskau, baritone); Debussy (Cetto Sonata, Mstislav Britten, piano); Prokofiev (Cantata, Alexander Nevsky: London Symphony Chorus and Orchestra under Claudio Abbado with Elena Obrazisova mezzo)

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Betini); Scrubert (Pour Importripus, 1935)
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2.45 Scottish Chember Orchestra under Jukia Pekka Saraste performs Magnus Lindberg (Maree); Beethoven (Violin Concerto in D with Frank Peter Zimmermann); Schuttern

Zimmermann); Schlumenn
(Symphony No 2 in C) (r)
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with news, weather, bavet and
what's on in the arts world. His
guest is Andrew Parrott
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wohlgetan: Bach-Collegium Stockholm under Heinz Meyer) 12.30-12.35am News 1.00-2.25 Night School (Except in Scotland, As broadcast this (Cetto Sonata. Mstislav monning on R5)
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5.55am Shipping Forecast
6.00 News Briefing incl 6.03
Weather 6.10 Farming Today
6.25 Prayer for the Day 6.30
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8.00, 8.30 News; 6.45
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News; 7.45 Thought for the
Day 8.35 The Week on 4 8.43
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Davies and Dr Helmut
Schlepper examine the British
winter sports tradition (s) 8.58
Weather
3.00 News 12.00 Vintage Years: John Ams presents a musical portrait of Julian Bream

9.00 News 9.05 Start the Week with Melvyn

Bach Collegium Stockholm under Heinz Meyer; Overtura to Cantata No 194: Tavemer Players under Parrott; Cantata No 99, Was Gott tut, das ist about fictional successes from the front. When these are believed at home, he accidentally becomes a hero. With John Gordon Sinciair and Willie Rushton (s) (r)

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10.00-10.30 News; The Matting
Game (FM only): Natural
history quiz presented by
Lionel Kelleway (s) 7.05 The Food Programme, 1 7.20 The Food Programme, 1 Desk Cooper (r) 7.45 The Monday Play: The

Lionel Kelleway (s)

10.00 Daily Service (LW only)

10.30 Women's Hour: Introduced by Janni Murray. Features a new serial, The Varrioire Tapestry, by Suzy McKee Charnas, adapted in 13 episodes. Book One: The Ancient Mind at Work. Dr Edward Weytend is not only a professor, he's a vampire. Incl. 11.30 News

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12.00 You and Yours with Roish
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story on braking systems in Metro cars, plus a report on one of the most dangerous antenatal complications in arteratal complications in pregnancy, pre-ectampsia 12.25pm Word of Mouth: Verbal bankruptcy. Frank Deleney discusses how the recession is biting deep into our language (s) 12.55 Weather 1.00 The World at One with James

Naughtle 1.40 The Archers (s) (r) 1.55 ··· Shipping
2.00 News; However: At Hunter's comedy of love and wer set in the Russo Japanese war. Andrei's job is to write reports

10:00 The World Tonight with
Robin Lustig (s)
10:45 A Book at Bedfilme: Run of
the Country (6 of 10)
11:00 The Goon Show: The Spectre
of Tintage! A classic from
1956. Staring Peter Sellers.
Harry Secombe and Spike
Milligen
11:30 Today in Parliament
12:00-12:43 News incl 12:27
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10.00 Malgret (1991): Richard Harns plays
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12.00 Baby of the Bride (1991): An older
women finds she is pregnant (84323)
2.00pm Lonely In American (1990): An
Indian moves to New York (89205)
4.00 Mirs Politicus — Spy (1971): A widow is
hired by the CIA (1865)
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RADIO 1

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Young 2.00pm Gloris Hunnsford 3.30 Ed Stewart 5.05 John Durn 7:00 Hubert Gregg says
Thanks for the Marmory 7.30 Alam Delt with Dance Band Days and at 8.00 Big Band Era 8.30
Big Band Special 9.00 Humphrey Lyteltion with The Best of Jazz 10.00 Jazz Score 10.30 The
Jamesons 12.05am Jazz Parade with Digby Fanweather and guests John Barnes/Miles
Cotton Quintet 12.35 Steve Madden with Night Rick 4.00 Alex Lester The Early Show
News and sport on the hour until 7.00pm.

WORLD SERVICE

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THIS WEEK'S **COMPANY REPORTS** SHARE PRICES 36

BUSINESS EDITOR JOHN BELL

All pits notified of possible redundancies

By Jon Ashworth AND ROSS TIEMAN

BRITISH Coal has notified union representatives at all its 50 pits, including the 19 previously thought safe from closure, that redundancies may be declared at some point in the future. However, the company is playing down talk of further mass redundancies.

It has sent the warnings to comply with employment leg-islation that requires unions to be notified if there is even the slightest hint of future redundancies. British Coal is anxious to play down the significance of the move, but has tacitly admitted that fur-

ther cuts are being considered. A spokesman said: "What we've done, to be meticulous, is to send forms to all workplaces, even those where, at present, no redundancies are planned but there is a possibility that, at some future date,

jobs may go."
Meanwhile, a study by the
British Association of Colliery
Management says that a costcutting drive to take advan-tage of sterling's devaluation would enable many threatened pits to be saved. Twentyeight pits could produce coal at 120p a gigajoule, a price now likely to undercut the cost

of bulk imports. The findings support many conclusions of an unpublished study for the government by John Boyd, the American mining consultants. That predicted production costs as low

■ British Coal has notified union representatives at all its 50 pits of possible future redundancies, despite a survey showing many pits may now be economic

as 115p a gigajoule. More than 4,000 voluntary redundancies have been announced in the past three weeks.

Compulsory redundancies have been ruled out until January at the earliest when a review on prospects for the pits is due to be completed. The government commissioned the review to examine the 19 pits British Coal plans to keep open and look at prospects for the 21 pits that were granted a stay of execution after the outery over the closure plans.

British Coal said: "We can't rule out the possibility of some redundancies at other collieries at the end of the day, but there is no hidden agenda-Nobody is talking about get-ting rid of 50,000 mining jobs, but the review will determine the action to be taken."

Ministers were told in January that half the 31 pits earmarked for closure could become viable in the next three to four years, according to the mining consultants conducting the review.

Taken together, the production studies provide convincing evidence that a larger coal industry than that now contemplated could be economically viable. A more compet-itive industry could sell more

by undercutting threatened imports, while removal of unfair competition from nuclear power and gas could

They also suggest that British Coal is being unambitious over squeezing out imports. Neil Clarke, British Coal's chairman, acknowledged at the weekend that productivity had risen by 16 per cent in the past 12 months, adding "we know there is more to come"

further expand coal's market.

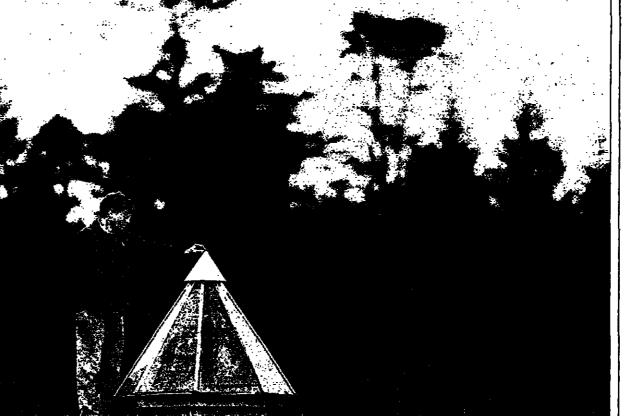
British Coal has offered to supply the power generators with coal at 151p a gigajoule from next April. Yet its target five years hence seems to be a further price cut of just 12.5 per cent, to 133p, the price at which it can match the cost of imports supplied to inland power stations.

That would leave British Coal with only a limited market, but if cost savings were realised, there would be fat profits to carry it through into privatisation. A copy of what appears to be the executive summary of the Boyd report has been obtained by The Times. It has also been examined by officials of the colliery management

Although the managers doubt the practicability of some Boyd recommendations, they agree that further sub-stantial productivity gains and cost reductions might be achieved. Doug Bulmer, the association president, said: "We estimate that 40 million tonnes, roughly equivalent to the output of 28 pits, could be produced at an average oper-ating cost of 120p gigajoule."

The Boyd report suggests that with changes in working practices and investment of E300 million, the 28 pits could raise output from 37 to 47 million tonnes a year while cutting employee numbers by some 6,000, to about 22,000.

It proposes changes to allow longer working shifts where miners have extended distances to travel underground, and transfer of more power to colliery managers and coalface supervisors.



jobs may be at stake in the debate beween small businessmen and the banks upon whose lending they de-

pend. Alex McIntyre found that, when problems arose with his Backwoods man company, which makes mini-greenhouses in the Western Highlands, his bank could hardly tell the wood from trees, financially speaking. Banking by the book, page 37

Markets open to ERM realignment

Irish and Danes to come under fire

By COLIN NARBROUGH AND WOLFGANG MÜNCHAU

MARKET pressure is set to intensify today for a devaluation of the Irish punt and the Danish krone after the weekend decision to lower the value of the Iberian currencies by 6 per cent. Without any sign of a relaxation of German monetary policy, tensions within the exchange-rate mechanism persist and could undermine it.

The French rejection of the compromise deal on Friday to end the transatlantic dispute over oil seed production could also focus market attention on the franc again, despite its successful defence in September. If there is fresh turbulence over the franc, analysts think the whole ERM could be in jeopardy. Sterling should not be greatly affected by the latest upheaval, analysts said. Since its exit from the ERM in Sep-

tember, Britain has largely been isolated from the problems of the tensions in the system, they added. "There are no UK implications," said Ruth Lea, chief economist at Mitsubishi Bank. She said Britain would wait before sanctioning more rate cuts because it is nervous of sterling losing too much ground.
The ERM realignment, the

third this year, might not be the last, and could possibly be followed by two further adjustments before Christmas. Apart from an imminent devaluation threat to the krone and the punt, there is also the possibility that Italy wants to re-enter the ERM, after the lira was suspended on Black Wednesday, September 16, with sterling.

While yesterday's realign-

have built up since January 1987, the last ERM revaluation before the cataclysmic events this autumn, it will do little to solve a disagreement between France and Germany over the rate at which the lira should eventually re-enter.

The future central rate for the lira is a subject of intense

ment constitutes a further

relaxation of tensions, which

controversy. France is concerned over the competitive effects of a lower lira and the prospect of being swamped by cheap Italian industrial and agricultural imports. The Bundesbank is less concerned about Italian imports than the cost of support operations for weak ERM currencies and would prefer a low lira value. Since Black Wednesday, the per cent against the mark. closing on Friday at L863.3.
Paul Chertkow, head of global strategy at UBS Phillips & Drew, said the weekend realignment, the third the ERM had undertaken since Septem-

ber, was just "another piece-meal effort". While the 6 per cent peseta devaluation and a pledge to remove Spain's capi-tal controls were probably sufficient for Spain, he saw the escudo move as inadequate. The absence of any signals for lower German interest rates would leave ERM tensions

Barclays likely to cut 3,000 more jobs

By Jon Ashworth

BARCLAYS Bank is expected to announce a further 3,000 redundancies today, as part of a continuing rationalisation programme that will see 450 mainly suburban branches close in the next three years.

Most of the cuts, which follow a period of unprece-dented blood-letting in the banking sector, will take place at an administrative level. Barclays plans to close 150 branches a year over the next three years. The bank has closed 120 branches so far this year, and shut 110 in 1991.

Staff are expected to be informed of the redundancies today. The latest cuts are in addition to the 15,000 job losses announced previously. Nearly half the cuts will be completed this year, leaving a further 9,000 jobs to go by

The Banking, Insurance and Finance Union says that a further 25,000 jobs in the finance sector are at risk. A spokesman said banking staff were paying for the price of excessive lending in the 1980s. He said: "There is job carnage going on in the high street. Seventy thousand jobs have been lost in three years and 1,000 branches have

Royal Bank of Scotland announced 3,500 redundancies on Thursday. A slump in demand for second-hand car loans prompted 400 job cuts at Lombard North Central, the finance house subsidiary of National Westminster Bank. NatWest expects to have shed more than 5,000

jobs this year in the wake of the closure of 107 branches. Talk of accelerated cuts at Bardays surfaced last week when Andrew Buxton, chief executive, announced plans for a more focused strategy. High street branches were to be closed at a "significantly" faster pace than the present 100 a year and Bardays' American operations were being reorganised to concen-

Lamont to run bigger deficit than Labour

By Anatole Kaletsky, economics editor

THE government deficits an- Times, based on international nounced by Norman Lamont in his Autumn Statement will be far bigger in relation to the economy than those that forced the Labour government to cede control of British economic policy to the International Monetary Fund in 1976. By 1994, Britain will probably overtake Italy as Europe's

biggest borrower. Mr Lamont has denied that his deficits would exceed those of the last Labour govern-ment. But a study by The

ly accepted standards of public accounting, presents a different picture. According to Trea sury projections from the Autumn Statement, Britain's general government financial deficit will be 7 per cent of GDP this year and 8 per cent

in 1993-1. The biggest general govern-ment deficit under a Labour government was 4.9 per cent

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SECTION 13. WATER INDUSTRY ACT 1991

Proposal by the Director General of Water Services for the modification of Condition N of the Instrument of Appointment of each of the Appointed Water and Water and Sewerage Companies in England and Wales.

The reasons for the proposed

modifications: 1. The water and sewerage companies have to pay fees every year. to the Secretaries of State for the Environment and Wales, to cover the costs which the Director General of Water Services incurs in carrying out his duties. Condition N of the companies' Licence places limits on the fees which the Director may collect. 2. The Director is seeking the consent of the companies to a change in how those limits are set because of two problems with the current arrangements. .

First the normal limits are based on the turnover of the companies in 1987-88. This baseline is now out of date and means that he cannot allocate fees fairly between the companies relative to their current

Second the additional costs which he incurs in reviewing the companies' 21 December 1992.

price caps, a Periodic Review, can only be recovered in one year at the end of a five year cycle. In practice these additional costs are spread over a number of years.

The effect of the changes:

3. There would be no increase in the total of the fees which the Director can collect. The changes would merely alter how the fees were allocated. First they would relate the normal limits to current turnover. Second they would allow the Director to recover the costs of a Periodic Review in the same year that be incurs those costs.

4. Any representation about, or objections to, these proposals should be in writing, addressed to the Director General of Water Services, Centre City Tower, 7 Hill Street, Birmingham B5 4UA, to be received by him no later than 5pm on Monday,

Rates of peseta and escudo cut

THE text of the official statement was as follows:

The ministers and central bank governors of the member states of the European Community have by mutual agreement, following a com-mon procedure involving the commission and after consultation with the monetary committee, decided to fix new central rates in the European Monetary System.
The bilateral central rates of

the Spanish peseta and the Portuguese escudo against the other currencies of the exchange-rate mechanism have

been reduced by 6 per cent. The Spanish and Portuguese governments will implement strictly all the measures necessary to ensure that the objectives of their convergence programmes are achieved. The Spanish government will

immediately lift the special measures on some foreign exchange transactions which it recently imposed. It will give the highest priority to meeting the budgetary targets and implementing the structural measures laid down in the convergence programme. The

Central rates against the ecu Belgian franc Danish crown 7.51410 Deutschmark 143.386 French franc 6.60683 0.735334 2.21958 1.690.76

Irish punt Dutch guilder 0.805748 * Drachma 254.254

(* notional central rates, based on market rates of November 20)

ministers and governors draw the attention of the two governments to the vital importance of restraint on the growth of labour costs.

Member states whose currencies are in the exchange-rate mechanism will implement their economic and monetary policies in such a way as to improve their convergence on price stability and ensure the stability of their currencies within the parity grid. The agrimonetary consequences of the present realignment will be examined by the

competent bodies. The new bilateral central rates and the compulsory intervention points in the exchange-rate mechanism will be communicated by the central banks in time for the opening of foreign exchange

markets on November 23.

Dissident investors aim to sour Sugar's Amstrad bid

By Angela Mackay

ALAN Sugar, architect of a Amstrad, the company he founded and chairs, will confront scores of irate shareholders at the computer group's annual meeting at the Tower Hotel in London tomorrow.

Gathered under the banner of the Amstrad Shareholders' Club, a group of dissident shareholders, led by Gideon Fiegal, is expected to grill Mr Sugar about his plans for taking Amstrad private without paying close to the 46p a share net asset value that the company is worth, and question him about using £50 million of company cash to help fund

Mr Fiegal has said he now speaks for some 25 million shares, or just over 4 per cent of Amstrad, but he must obtain proxies for 94 million shares by December 10 to defeat the bid. So far. Postel, a holder of



Management and Equity & Law have said they are dissatisfied with the 30p-ashare offer, but they have not committed themselves to action that would lead to the defeat of Mr Sugar. One shareholder has al-

Sugar: under attack per cent, BZW Asset

ready sought guidance from

the takeover panel about

Kleinwort Benson, the com-

pany's merchant bank, ad-vising Mr Sugar as well, but he was told such a move was perfectly proper. A legal challange against the bid is also being examined. Mr Sugar, who is not allowed to vote his 35 per cent of the company, is

adamant that the shareholders are confused by the complexity of the transaction. Over the weekend, he said that his £50 million loan from Amstrad's cash reserves is only triggered by shareholder approval. The rest of Mr Sugar's

funding is mostly from a £43 million loan from Lloyds Bank, which is also one of Amstrad's banks. Mr Sugar has pledged his 46 per cent stake in Tottenham Hotspur, the football club he chairs, as part collateral against the loan.

Mr Sugar says Kleinwort nson tried to find a buyer GEC, STC, Cable and Wireless and others, but there were no takers.

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By RAYMOND KEENE, Chess Correspondent

This position is from the game Zarovnjatov - Pankratov, Russian 1990. The key to this position is the linear of the black bishops are powerfuly placed on the long diagonals leading to the white king. Black exploited this with a fantastic combination. Can you see it?

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EPONYMS HOBDAY a. A pagan holiday b. A limited offer from a Cambridge carrier
c. An operation on horse TILBURY a. A rain hat

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By PHILIP HOWARD b. A sword stick c. A gig PEMBROKE a. A type of martingale . A Strongbow c. A drop-leaf table COLLINS 2. An alcoholic drink

c. A thank-you letter

